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ONE COUNTRY, UNDER GOD



Submitted by Vonda Higgins
The rainy weather stayed away from the Texas Panhandle Saturday evening, allowing the fireworks shows, like the one in Pampa on Saturday. Pampans gathered at the Recreation Park on Saturday to observe the fireworks show. Reader submitted photos can be found on 7B.

UNITED WAY BASKET WINNER



Submitted photo
David Lewis and Keana Smart of Tractor Supply draw the basket winner Courtney Brasher. Thank you Tractor Supply for supporting Pampa United Way for 2015 Campaign. "Live United."

DPS trooper seizes more than one pound of meth

SUBMITTED BY TEXAS DPS
AMARILLO – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) conducted a traffic stop Sunday on Interstate 40, yielding over one pound of methamphetamine valued at more than \$87,000.

At approximately 4:20 p.m., a DPS trooper conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 Mercedes Benz traveling eastbound on IH-40, for a traffic violation, near Bushland in Potter County.

The driver of the Mercedes was identified as Scott Alan Cheney, 51, of Paramount, Calif. During the traffic stop, the trooper discovered the illegal drugs in the engine area.

Cheney was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance more than 400 grams, a first-degree felony, and booked into the Potter County Jail. The illegal drugs were allegedly being transported from Los Angeles to Oklahoma City.

Memorialize the history of Pampa Optimist Youth Club by purchasing a brick

By ZACHARY GREEN
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A lot of you may have heard the name Pampa Optimist Youth Club around town, but not know

a lot of the history and details behind it. Recently, Walden Haynes, a Pampa resident and long-time member, spoke about the history and his memories of the Optimist.

Optimist started in 1954 in Pampa and John Clark was the first president. It started in Pampa because

Borger, Amarillo and Lefors had leagues and they were recognized by Optimist so the interest just naturally came to Pampa and it was started here.

Walden Haynes has been with the Pampa Optimist Club for 56 years. He joined in 1958. In 1959, the morning club was started and he attended meetings for eight years as a part of that. Then Newt Secrest started the evening club that met for meetings and they eventually merged into the men's civic club.

Optimist started out as a boxing arena. A few

years later, after they realized it wasn't all kids anymore, they built on to the dining hall with a kitchen and cabinets. Haynes said Mike Porter (Jeanna Zuniga's father) and some others helped with that in the mid-to-late 1950's.



Submitted photo
A Pampa Optimist Youth Club from the 1960s. More pictures can be found on 8-11A.

When the baseball league first started, it was the Eastern and Western Leagues. Later there was a third league named the Northern League. Three teams played on two fields, which today are the 9-10 and 11-12 year old boys' fields. Today in the boys baseball program

the age divisions are 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15, which is the Babe Ruth League.

In 1961, the Pony League Field, (present day Babe Ruth Field) was built. This field was for boy's ages 13 and 14. After it became associated with the Babe Ruth League in 1963, they added 15-year-olds to the league. For a long time, the Babe Ruth field did not have a water system so Haynes went down to move the water pipes all night just so the field would look good to play on.

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Under BP deal, another \$788 million will flow to Texas

By JIM MALEWITZ
The Texas Tribune

Texas is set to receive another \$788 million stemming from the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion and oil spill under a settlement between BP, the federal government and five Gulf Coast states.

BP will pay a total of \$20.2 billion in damages and penalties under the agreement it forged with the federal government and Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas – resolving all state claims against the company for its role in the disaster, which killed 11 people and spewed millions of barrels of oil into the Gulf of Mexico.

"After five years, I'm proud to announce that Texas, along with the other Gulf States, has reached an agreement in principle with BP to resolve all the states' claims," Gov. Greg Abbott said in a statement. "This settlement will allow Texas to reinvest in the Gulf community and reinvigorate the economic and environmental

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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
High 67 Low 57	High 79 Low 65	High 85 Low 65

Today: 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy, with a high near 67 degrees. East-northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57 degrees. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 79. South wind 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy with a low around 65. South wind 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

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health of the region.” Environmental groups welcomed the news. “This funding is crucial to keeping the Gulf’s essential habitats — its wetlands, coastlines and deep ocean ecosystems — healthy and thriving,” Laura Huffman, director of the Nature Conservancy’s Texas chapter, said in a statement.

Under the settlement: • BP will pay \$5.5 billion in federal Clean Water Act fines over 15 years — \$4.4 billion of which will fund Gulf-wide projects in the state’s federal RESTORE Act plans. More than \$400 million of that money will flow to Texas. • BP will pay about \$8.8 billion (including about \$1 billion already paid for “early restoration proj-

ects”) over 15 years for natural resources damages under the federal Oil Pollution Act. Some \$238 million from that pot will directly benefit restoration in Texas.

• BP will pay \$4.9 billion over 19 years for economic damages to the states, including some \$150 million for Texas.

• BP will pay up to \$1 billion to resolve claims by more than 400 local governments across the Gulf.

“This is a realistic outcome which provides clarity and certainty for all parties,” Bob Dudley, BP’s group chief executive, said in a statement. “For BP, this agreement will resolve the largest liabilities remaining from the tragic accident and enable BP to focus on safely delivering the energy the world needs.”

For Texas, the agreement completes a series of settlements that had already

yielded some \$275 million for state restoration projects, including, last year, the largest conservation land purchase in Texas history — some 17,000 acres of undisturbed coastal prairie in Calhoun County.

“This settlement represents an important milestone in the ongoing recovery of the Gulf Coast, and the families and businesses impacted by the spill,” Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement. “By funding much-needed restoration projects along the coast, I’m hopeful this will help bring some measure of closure to people who, even today, are still dealing with the ramifications of this awful accident.”

Some of the Texas money will flow to two “Centers for Excellence,” university consortiums.

The University of Houston leads one consortium, which focuses on offshore

energy development, including research and technology to improve the sustainable and safe development of energy resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi leads the other consortium, which has similar goals, including research related to sustainability, restoration and protection of the coast and deltas. Larry McKinney, who leads that center, said several projects are already underway, thanks to money from earlier settlements. That includes an effort to create the largest Gulf of Mexico data and information system.

“Obviously we’d have liked to see more funds go to restoration, but this is also good to get the numbers and know what we can do,” McKinney said. “That allows us to move forward rather than sit on our hands.”

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Upscale Idaho town threatened by fire urged to flee homes

BAYVIEW, Idaho (AP) — A wildfire in northern Idaho has destroyed at least six homes and forced about 200 residents in an upscale lakeside community to evacuate as it ballooned to more than 3 square miles Monday.

Flames have burned through a mix of year-round residences and seasonal homes near the southern shore of Lake Pend Oreille, the state’s largest lake and a recreation and fishing destination. Fire managers have urged the rest of the small town of Bayview to

leave their homes as strong winds, rising temperatures and low humidity threatened to fan the flames later in the day.

Officials feared the only two roads in and out of town would get clogged if everyone tried to leave at once, fire spokesman Tyler Drechsel said. “If they evacuate now, it helps if these fires take off,” Drechsel said Monday morning, noting that afternoon forecasts call for wind gusts of more than 20 mph and temperatures in the mid-90s.

A high school will serve as an emergency shelter for the area about 70 miles northeast of Spokane, Washington.

The blaze started near the lake shore and burned upslope through timber, destroying other buildings such as boat houses and pump houses, Lyon said.

About 100 firefighters dealing with steep terrain put in a fire line between the blaze and homes to protect the properties, fire spokesman Jim Lyon said.

The fight included four aircraft and a U.S. Navy boat that was dousing some expensive homes. The Navy operates a small submarine research facility in Bayview.

A team of investigators planned to examine where the fire started to try to determine a cause, Lyon said.

“We have a good idea of where it started,” he said. “There were people out on a boat that saw it. It started down low at lake level, or near the edge of the lake, and traveled up and south-westerly.”

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Focus On



Mike Lane

Mike Lane is the Service Manager at Fenton and has been for 22 years (11 years at Fenton and 11 years for Robert Knowles). He started as a service advisor then 2 years later became the Service Manager. He is Ford Master Certified, Service Manager Certified, Dodge and Chrysler Certified. Before working at Fenton he worked for the Sheriffs office for 7 years; working in the jail and also a deputy. Before that he served in the United States Airforce for 4yrs. This is his 3rd job in his entire life! Mike is originally from Pampa and currently lives here with his wife, Heather of 25 years. Mike has 8 children total; His sons are: Toby, Tyler, Trekker and daughters: Sara, Hannah, Holly, Hope and Haley. Toby and Tyler are currently serving in the United States Army and have been for the past 9 years- both have had deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He also has 12 grandchildren ranging from 3 weeks to 8yrs old. He enjoys working for Fenton because its a fantastic organization and is family owned!



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OBITUARIES

Margaret C. Deer

Margaret C. Deer, age 94, was born April 2, 1921, in Harrisburg, Pa., and died July 3, 2015 in Tulsa, Okla. She was the daughter of Peter and Annie (Marino) Christmas.



Margaret C. Deer

Margaret graduated from William Penn High School in Harrisburg. After high school she was a secretary at the Naval Supply Depot in Mechanicsburg, Pa., where she met Lt. Zenas Bartlett "Zobo" Deer, Jr. They married January 12, 1946 at the Philadelphia Naval Yard Chapel and lived in Kingsville, Pampa, and Amarillo, prior to making their home in Tulsa, Okla., in 1961.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, parents and two brothers, John Christmas and Ernie Christmas and one sister, Ruth Christmas.

She is survived by her daughter, Mardeen Olmstead and her husband Randy, grandson Jeff Olmstead and wife Summer of Dallas, granddaughter Ann Olmstead Weber and husband John of Tulsa, Okla., and six great grandchildren: Allie Rose, Charlie, Jeb and JW Olmstead and Brody and Matthew Weber. She is also survived by a sister, Geraldine Burigana and husband Enus, nephew Steve Burigana and wife Gail, niece Barbara Sentz and husband Shawn, all of Columbus, Ohio, and niece Nancy Stoia and husband Michael of Sugar Land.

In addition to her immediate family, Margaret was very close to her husband's family, who always treated her as their own family. They are Sara and Robert Johnston of Victoria, and their children Bill Johnston, Sara Lane Dotter — to whom she was Godmother, Bobby Johnston and Stuart Johnston, as well as their spouses and children. She was also very close to friends Bill and Gigi Haddock who always offered love, help and support.

Margaret was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church where she served on Altar Guild. She served on the St. Francis Auxiliary as a Volunteer and various Tulsa charities. She enjoyed writing poems, needlepoint and telling jokes at her singing group, Tulsa Choraliers.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, July 7, at St. John's Episcopal Church, 4200 South Atlanta Place, Tulsa, OK 74105. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Church. Fitzgerald Southwood

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Billie Phelps

Billie Phelps, 90, died July 6, 2015, in Clarendon.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Phelps was born April 22, 1925 in Lindale. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1945, moving from Wills Point. She married John Albert Phelps on Nov. 17, 1946, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on March 20, 2001. Billie was a secretary for Celanese Chemical Company for six years, retiring in 1959. She was also a bookkeeper for Clayton Floral and Your Laundry and Dry Cleaners. Billie was a member of First Baptist Church and Pampa Senior Citizens. She was an avid bridge player and was a member of several bridge clubs.



Billie Phelps

The family wishes to extend a special thanks to Interim Hospice and

Community Care Center of Clarendon for their wonderful care of Billie.

Survivors include two sons, Steve Phelps and wife Heidi of Howardwick, and Paul Phelps and wife Pamela of Pampa; four grandsons, Dr. Brian Phelps and wife Constance of Oklahoma City, Brent Phelps of Chicago, Ill., Jason Phelps and wife Anita, and Jonathan Phelps and wife Starla, all of Pampa; seven great grandsons, Jacob Honeycutt, John Phelps, Connor Phelps, Carson Phelps, Caeleb Phelps, Leo Phelps and Jack Phelps; and one great granddaughter, Hannah Phelps.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens, PO Box 475, Pampa, Texas 79066-0475, or Khiva Shrine Travel Fund, 305 SE 5th Ave., Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Sign the online guest register at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Alice Marie Dain

Alice Marie Dain, 87, of Pampa, Texas, passed away

Sunday, July 5, 2015. Alice was born on October 19, 1927, to Walter and Anna May Bennett in Missouri.

She was a very successful Executive Secretary for John Hancock over approximately 40 employees for many years. She owned and operated Dain's Secretarial Services before retiring to be a caretaker for her mother. Alice was a loving and compassionate servant and nursed several family and friends back to health. She was very passionate about politics and was very active in the Republican National Committee.

She enjoyed bowling and was one of the oldest members of the Lovefield Eastern Star Lodge.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents; an infant daughter, Vicki Lynn Galloway; son, David Galloway and her half sister, Louise White.

She is survived by her son, Steven Galloway and his longtime girlfriend, Kathy Bigler; a granddaughter, Stacy Golden; a grandson, Chris Bigler and six great-grandchildren.

Services are pending at this time.

Becci Crain

Becci Crain, 54, passed away July 4, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crain was born Sept. 25, 1960, in Liberal, Kan. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1964. Becci married Billy Crain on June 4, 1981, in Pampa. She was an accounting clerk for Bourland-Leverich for 20 years. Becci was a member of Central Baptist Church. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Crain, of the home; a son, Casey Crain of Pampa; a daughter, Maegan Richards and husband Zed of Pampa; her parents, Ron and Lois Rogers of Pampa; a sister, Carla Hermes and husband Michael of The Colony; a brother, Brent Rogers and companion Joni Covalt of Pampa; three grandchildren, Grant, Olivia, and Madison. Becci was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Phillips.

Memorials may be made to Texas Oncology, 1000 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

FOR *the* RECORD

Multiple arrested for drugs over holiday weekend

STAFF REPORT

- Chad Joseph Harris, 26, Canadian, was arrested Wednesday by Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.
- Miles Jacob Markley, 22, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by the Pampa Police Department for document language.
- Sawyer Laurant, 28, Denham Springs, La., was arrested Wednesday by PPD for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of a controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams.
- Terry Michael Gonzales, 23, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

- Zackary Lynn James, 24, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by GCSO for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, driving while intoxicated, no valid driver license and failure to appear/bail jumping.
- Clifton Robert Keener, 27, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for speeding in a school zone, 31 in a 20, and driving while license invalid.
- Shanna Marie McCauley, 33, Pampa, was arrested Thursday by PPD for an assault that causes bodily injury and family violence.
- Elliott Chad Parks, 39, Pampa, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

- Andera Hysell, 54, San Bernadino, Calif., was arrested Saturday by the Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Silas Hysell, 57, San Bernadino, Calif., was arrested Saturday by DPS for possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, driving while license invalid and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Nicholas Lee Hanen, 26, Panhandle, was arrested Saturday by GCSO for possession of marijuana less than two ounces,

- and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Michael Darwin Heuer, 19, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by PPD for two warrants for failing to appear and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Justin Billy Adams, 32, Pampa, was arrested Sunday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance, greater than four grams but less than 200 grams.
- Matthew Riley Archibald, 37, Pampa, was arrested Monday by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance, greater than one gram but less than four grams and criminal mischief for greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

Crude oil tumbles 8 pct, points to low gas prices this fall

NEW YORK (AP) — A slew of global economic and geopolitical factors are working to pummel the price of oil and set up U.S. drivers for very low gasoline prices later this year. The price of U.S. crude dropped 7.7 percent Monday to close at \$52.53 a barrel and is now down nearly 15 percent from the high for the year set on June 10. Gasoline prices in the U.S. will likely slide somewhat from a national aver-

age of \$2.77 over the next few weeks. Experts then expect a substantial decline in late summer and fall, pushing average gasoline prices in some low-price states below \$2 a gallon again. "We're going back to some of those low numbers we saw over the winter," said Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst at the Oil Price Information Service. "In some places (gas) prices starting with a 1 should come back by foot-

ball season." There are several signs around the world that point to falling demand for crude and fuels at a time when supplies are high and possibly rising: — The Greek financial crisis could slow economic activity in Europe, which would reduce demand for gasoline and diesel. — China's oil imports have already slipped this year and a plummeting Chinese stock market could

mean even weaker demand in the world's second largest oil consumer. — Oil production in OPEC, driven by strong production from Saudi Arabia and Iraq, is helping to keep the world's supplies high. — Iran is eager to begin exporting oil that has been held back by sanctions, and talks between the U.S. and Iran that could lift those sanctions appear to be progressing.

— U.S. oil production remained strong even after drillers slowed their activity in the face of low oil prices — and now some drillers are ramping up production again. The financial turmoil in Greece and China is also strengthening the dollar, which tends to push down the price of oil because oil is priced in dollars around the world. "All signs point south for oil prices," wrote Thomas

Pugh, commodities economist at Capital Economics, in a report Monday. Pugh reduced his forecast for oil prices at the end of this year by \$5 to \$50 a barrel. After hitting a six-year low of \$43.46 in mid-March, oil rose to nearly \$60 in late April as refiners processed enormous amounts of crude for the summer driving season. Oil then stayed remarkably stable around \$60 until the middle of last week.



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Prairie Plains Perspective

Aberrations and box turtles, I'm mad I tell you!



DENNIS PALMIER

I'm still mad. Will be for quite a while. This president we have, this aberration of immense proportion. After seeing the White House lit up in the rainbow colors nonsense, it would have been comforting, joyful to see the not "his house"... bathed in Independence Day red, white and blue. What was I thinking!?! You want a clear cut no holds

barred sign of this man's pledge, intent, to "fundamentally change" America. The rainbow light show was one.

I'm worrisome mad. This aberration along with his EPA administrator Gina McCarthy is attempting to impose a new mandate calling for cessation of backyard barbecues and fireworks displays. Something about the resulting smoke being bad for the ozone layer. Yea, right. If Obama and the EPA get their way with this one, the 4th of July as we know it, will disappear. Aberrations... Have you seen EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy? Forced to hear reporters who question her policy's, a prickly smirk of righteous indignation appears on her face. I want to slap that impudent smirk off to the extent the picture on her driver's license shakes!

help stem the flow of illegal immigration, how many millions of dollars is the State of Texas spending by continually rotating on the porous border DPS officers, Texas Rangers, game wardens and other state level law enforcement officers? Safe to say it's a boatload of money. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump called some illegal immigrants "rapists and thieves."

Though laughing, there's madness, because...as a result of Trump's words; the press, liberals, Mexico, UniVision, NBC, Macy's and a few others managed to get their knickers all twisted in a wad. I'm not a fan of Donald Trump, but I am a fan of his telling it like it is. I really enjoyed hearing the above all red faced in their apoplectic rants. As a matter of fact, were those illegally crossing our southern border only nuns and choir boys, there would be no need for our state law enforcement officers to be away from their families protracted periods of time.

Really maddening. The Mexican government's response to Trump's words. If Mexico would only do it's part in this illegal immigration nonsense... For the matter, try crossing the Rio Grande into Mexico, reach your destination, need a governmental service from them, see what happens.

Disgustingly mad. Other Republican presidential candidates running from Trump's words. What this nation needs more than anything is a straight shooting, not politically correct leader unafraid of who he or she might offend, starting with the press. What about 'tact' you ask? To hell with tact!

Okay, enough of my madness with politics, but I'm hear to tell you, I'm still mad! Last Friday morning, I was on my way to do some tree hugging. I hadn't motored a half mile when I notice traipsing across my lane ahead of me a Western Box Turtle. When seeing on the road these marvelous creatures, I always do one of two things. Immediately I stop, get out of my vehicle, dodge whatever traffic in order to pick up the turtle, then release it well off the road. Or, I take it with me and release it in safer environs. Tree hugging the Panhandle affords me many opportunities to save western box turtles.

The western box turtle. If you're into the Latin listing of fauna, it's name is, Terrapene ornata. I like that, has a poetic flow to it. Western box turtles reach maturity in 8-10 years. That's a long time! The little terra tanks relish grasshoppers, caterpillars, cicadas, mulberries and carrion. Carrion!?! I didn't know that box turtle culinary habit? I have my entire life caught, played with and returned to nature western box

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Celebrating democracy

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." These words from the Declaration of Independence helped launch the great American experiment in democracy that we celebrate this July 4th. And while most Americans do so by grilling hot dogs with friends and family and attending fireworks displays in their hometowns (or watching them broadcast live from the National Mall), maybe we ought to spend a little time actually thinking about those words and what they mean.



LINDA CHAVEZ

John Agresto is one man who has thought long and deeply about our founding, and he has a new book out that every American who cares about our democracy should read: "Rediscovering America: Liberty, Equality, and the Crisis of Democracy" (Asahina and Wallace 2015).

Agresto aims big. He says in the preface to his book that it "will try to explain the core meaning of the Declaration of Independence of 1776 and of the Constitution of 1787. It is a book that rises to defend the intelligence and patriotism of the Founders who wrote those documents and the ideas and the wisdom those documents contain. It is a book centered on a hope: the hope that a renewal in understanding the principles of the founding will lead to a restoration of those principles in our public life, and the hope that such a restoration will mitigate the crisis we are in."

Agresto has spent a lifetime on the project of restoring an appreciation for our founding principles. As a college professor and administrator (he was president of St. John's College in Santa Fe, N.M.) and as deputy chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities during

the Reagan years, Agresto says he watched for years as our schools and colleges abandoned the mission of teaching the Constitution or explaining our beliefs. "On one level," he says, "this is a book written by an old professor for his students, past and future." But it is much more than that.

Agresto spent several years in Iraq after the U.S. invasion as senior adviser to the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. That experience informs his understanding of how truly difficult it is to create and sustain democracy as our Founders conceived it — a project that seems to have failed utterly in Iraq despite so much loss of American blood and treasure trying to transform that nation in our image. Anyone who has read Agresto's previous book, "Mugged by Reality: The Liberation of Iraq and the Failure of Good Intentions" (Encounter Books 2007), will not be surprised at what has happened in Iraq and throughout the Middle East over the past few years.

Democracy — or the right of individuals to elect their leaders — is not an end in itself. It would have been unthinkable to most Americans until just a few years ago, Agresto says, "that the rise of democracy itself would be, in many places around the globe, the harbinger of new and often greater repression." As he notes, the Arab Spring did not usher in liberty, but Islamic fundamentalism in many places. And the Middle East is not the only place where elections have resulted in less freedom. "Putin may rule both corruptly and with ferocious force, but he does it under the cover and through the mechanism of open elections," Agresto notes.

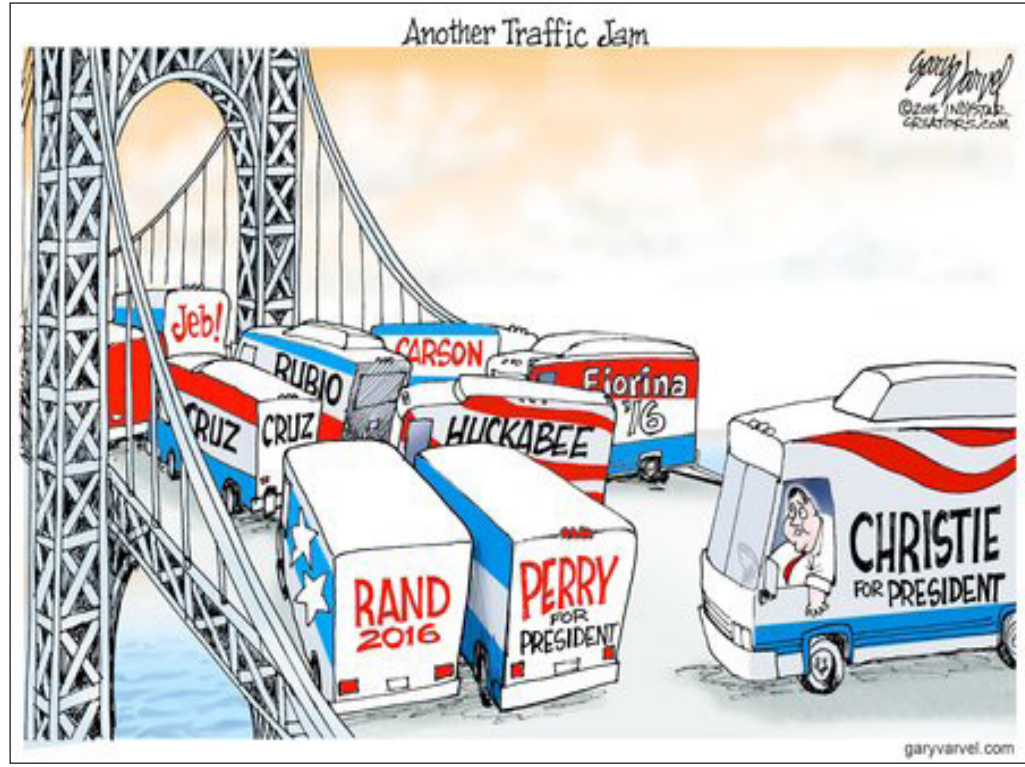
"Rediscovering America" walks readers through the underlying principles necessary for democracy to survive and thrive. With chapters devoted to the proposition that "All Men Are Created Equal," economics and justice, and the role liberty and equality play

and the Pursuit of Happiness." These words from the Declaration of Independence helped launch the great American experiment in democracy that we celebrate this July 4th. And while most Americans do so by grilling hot dogs with friends and family and attending fireworks displays in their hometowns (or watching them broadcast live from the National Mall), maybe we ought to spend a little time actually thinking about those words and what they mean.

John Agresto is one man who has thought long and deeply about our founding, and he has a new book out that every American who cares about our democracy should read: "Rediscovering America: Liberty, Equality, and the Crisis of Democracy" (Asahina and Wallace 2015).

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Patriotism, optimism and good-natured debate



MICHAEL BARONE

The Fourth of July is a time to remember Americans who have contributed much to their country, and this Fourth weekend is a good time to remember two such Americans who died in recent weeks — and whom I'd had the good fortune to know and joust with intellectually since the 1970s — Allen Weinstein and Ben Wattenberg.

Both were sons of Jewish immigrants, born in the 1930s and raised in the Bronx, which then had the highest Jewish percentage of any American county and also large Irish, Italian and black communities.

The Bronx was one of the heartlands of American liberalism — the big argument in 1948 was whether to support Harry Truman or the anti-anti-Soviet, Henry Wallace — and Weinstein and Wattenberg as young adults were proud liberal Democrats. But

while both remained liberals in many respects, they were willing to challenge leftist orthodoxy.

As a history professor at Smith College, Weinstein authored two books in the 1970s and came to public attention with his 1978 book "Perjury: The Hiss-Chambers Case." He had begun his work believing, like many on the left, that Hiss was unjustly convicted of perjury in 1950 for denying he was a Soviet spy.

But his research — including 30,000 pages of Justice Department records, interviews with Soviet spies and with Hiss himself — convinced him that Hiss was guilty. And the meticulous narrative and argumentation in "Perjury" convinced readers ranging ideologically from George Will to Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.

Though affirming Hiss' guilt was apostasy in academia, Weinstein continued to teach at Georgetown and Boston University. In 1985 he founded the Center for Democracy, and worked with Democrats and Republicans

to advance democratic institutions in the Philippines, Central America and Russia.

Weinstein was a conduit of information between the White House and Boris Yeltsin during the 1991 coup, and, with former KGB agent Alexander Vassiliev, he gained access to Soviet secret police files, the basis for their 1999 book "The Haunted Wood: Soviet Espionage in American — the Stalin Era." Those documents and the until-then-secret Venona transcripts of KGB communications sealed the case against Hiss and other spies whom some considered unjustly accused.

From 2005 to 2008 Weinstein served as archivist of the United States, developing digitized records and arranging federal status for the Nixon presidential library.

As a careful scholar, he was not given to broad generalization. But the thrust of his life's work was a reaffirmation of the value of American democracy and the worthiness of the struggle against totalitarian rule.

Ben Wattenberg started not as an academic but as a journalist and first gained attention with his 1965 book, "This U.S.A.," co-authored with former Census Director Richard Scammon, using census data to show how "we have achieved a better America."

That led to a speechwriting job in Lyndon Johnson's White House, where Wattenberg's inveterate optimism about America and Americans never wavered despite multiple urban riots and numerous antiwar demonstrations. Wattenberg worked on Hubert Humphrey's unsuccessful 1968 campaign and in 1970, again with Scammon, wrote "The Real Majority," arguing that the Democratic (or Republican) party could win only with the support of the median voter, personified by an archetypical housewife from Dayton.

Wattenberg's arguments did not convince his fellow Democrats, who nominated George McGovern and Jimmy Carter in 1972 and

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More than one million expected at pope's Mass in South America

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador (AP) — Latin America's first pope arrived in this port city on Monday for the first big event of a three-nation tour where he's set compassion for the weak and respect for the environment as central themes.

A crowd estimated at 1 million people, many singing hymns, awaited Francis on the packed dirt of Samanes Park for a late-morning Mass. Many had spent the night and some had walked for miles to reach the park on the city's northern outskirts.

The pontiff allowed several acolytes on the tarmac to take selfies with him. He was met by Mayor Jaime Negot, who gave him gold and silver keys to the silver, encrusted with topaz and pearls.

Francis' was headed next to the Shrine of the Divine Mercy, where 2,000 invitees for the gathering included child cancer patients, residents of homes for the elderly abandoned by their families and some of Guayaquil's poorest people.

After the open-air Mass, a private lunch was planned a group of Jesuits.

Its highlight was a reunion with the Rev. Francisco Cortes, a priest affectionately known as "Padre Paquito," to whom the Argentina-born pope, then the Rev. Jorge

Mario Bergoglio, entrusted his seminarians on study trips to Ecuador years ago.

In a recent interview with The Associated Press, Cortes couldn't fathom that Bergoglio remembered him, much less made a point of coming to have lunch.

"I don't know what to ask him," the soon-to-be 91-year-old Cortes said. "He said he wanted to see me and I'm amazed that he's coming. For the first time, I have known a pope."

The "pope of the poor" returned to Spanish-speaking South America for the first time as pontiff Sunday, stressing the need to protect the needy and the environment from exploitation and — in a nation whose president was booed as his vehicle followed the papal motorcade Sunday — to foster dialogue among all sectors of society.

Francis' only other trip back to his home ground after being elected pope was in 2013, when he visited Brazil, where Portuguese is the main language.

Children in native dress greeted Francis at Mariscal Sucre airport outside Ecuador's capital of Quito, the wind blowing off his skullcap and whipping his white cassock as he descended from the plane following a 13-hour flight from Rome.

In a speech in front of

President Rafael Correa, Francis signaled some key themes for the visit, which also takes him to Bolivia and later Paraguay: the need to care for society's most marginal, guarantee socially responsible development and defend the Earth against profit-at-all-cost development that he says harms the poor the most.

The environmental message — from a pope who last month issues a treatise staking the earth's preservation as a core mission — is particularly relevant for Ecuador, a Pacific nation of 15 million people that is home to one of the world's most species-diverse ecosystems but is also an OPEC country heavily dependent on oil. High crude prices allowed Correa to get take 1.3 million people out of poverty in his eight years in office.

But now that they've fallen, the generous social safety net Correa has woven is threatened. He's had to cut government spending and been buffeted for nearly a month by the most serious anti-government street protests of his tenure.

Along Francis' motorcade route into Quito, the throngs followed chants of adulation for the pontiff with jeers of "Correa out!" when the president's entourage followed.

Chavez

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in the character of American life, among others, Agresto argues that unless we fully appreciate the foundations of our liberty, we risk losing it.

The book also contains a wonderful compendium of foundational documents,

including the Declaration, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and other Amendments, three of the most important Federalist Papers, Nos. 1, 10 and 51, and Abraham Lincoln's speech of July 1858 defending the principle that all men are created equal. It is a book that asks the right questions and points us to the right answers so that, in Lincoln's words,

"this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

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1976 while Wattenberg worked for the campaign of the hawkish liberal Henry "Scoop" Jackson. But he never lost faith in his fellow Americans.

When many writers depicted overpopulation as a looming problem, Wattenberg took the opposite view: the world needed more Americans. His immersion in statistics enabled him to appreciate before others the sharp decline in national and world birth rates. His responses included his books "The Good News Is

the Bad News Is Wrong" (1984) and "The Birth Dearth" (1987).

For three decades Wattenberg was a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (where I am a resident fellow) and for even longer he produced and appeared in television series, including "In Search of the Real America" and "Think Tank."

For Wattenberg the United States was, in the title of his 1991 book, "The First Universal Nation," and he proclaimed himself, echoing the 1840s phrase, a "neo-manifest destinarian."

American liberalism has moved in different direc-

tions from these two sons of the Bronx, but Allen Weinstein and Ben Wattenberg embodied some of its historic virtues: patriotism, optimism, openness to dialogue and friendly but zestful argument. Legacies we all can learn from.

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Dennis

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turtles. I know many of you have done likewise. Western box turtles are an essential part of Texas! Many are killed by automobiles...

Maddening. At 70 mph it's hard to stop a truck and trailer, turn around to reverse course. I did so when I saw the box turtle, but before I could get back to save it, a car crushed it, I mean a person who I know saw the box turtle, chose not to avoid the creature, and crushed it. I know the driver could have avoided the turtle. Traffic was light, for I was able to avoid the turtle with my truck and

trailer... Saddened me, the day before Billy Scribner had requested help in finding two box turtles so his grandkids could race them at a July 4th celebration down Canadian way.

Mad sad to glad! The same morning, about an hour or so after the first turtle sighting, lo and behold on Duncan close to Harvester, I drove up on another box turtle attempting to cross the busy street. I was able to stop traffic (thanks everyone who slowed, stopped!) and save the little reptilian. More important, one of Billy's grandkids got a race entrant!

What's the moral to this slightly, okay, maybe a tad confusing column? I care more about a western box

turtle than I do the aberration America has for a president! January, 2017 is still, a long way off. God, help us! When motoring out and about, you see a box turtle ambling across the road, please avoid hitting it and if you're able, save it.

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8. Spicy Salmon Roll
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9. Tuna Roll
10. Spicy Tuna Roll
Spicy tuna, scallions, masago spicy mayonnaise, sesame seed wrapped in rice
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12. Alaska Roll
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13. Tuna & Avocado Roll
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17. Dragon Roll

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22. Super Crunchy Roll
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23. Dragon Fly
Shrimp crunchy, snow crab, cucumber, avocado inside wrapped w. green soy paper w. spicy mayo eel sauce
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The PAMPA NEWS Church Calendar

First Church of the Nazarene

The Church of the Nazarene is sponsoring some great family activities in July! We are planning to have FREE movie nights outside and show the film on the wall of the fellowship hall at dusk on Fridays July 3, 10, and the 17th. Please bring a lawn chair, mosquito repellent, and some friends to see a wonderful show good for the whole family. It will start at dusk each evening. There will not be an offering- just come enjoy a summer evening and have a good time with the neighbors.

And we are also planning to have Vacation Bible School on the Wednesdays of July 8, 15, 22, 29 for children who have completed Kindergarten through the 5th grades from 6:30 to 8 Pm. There will be Bible stories, great singing, and other activities too. We are asking for an offering at VBS for a children's Special Needs ministry. Thanks in advance for your interest and participation.

Our services are Sunday School at 9:45 Am and Sunday Worship at 10:45 Am at 500 N. West St. You may call 806-669-3144 for more information. Pastor Jimmye and the congregation welcome one and all. God bless you and God bless America!! God is still in charge.

Hi-Land Christian Church

Wednesday nights, Pastor Mike Sublett teaches 2 special advanced classes at Hi-Land Christian Church.

From 7 - 8 p.m. The Judges and Kings of Israel (broken people, faithful God); from 8-9 p.m. 1-2 Corinthians (Jesus and His messy people).

Pastor Sublett said, "Both classes are advanced in that they have a weekly reading assignment and weekly handout pages that will supply each student with a significant notebook for continued study.

I will also be recording each class so that everyone can have the audio in case they want to review something later."

The classes are open to anyone interested in learning more about their Bible.

Child care will be provided for anyone who is attending either class.

Cornerstone Baptist Church

Cornerstone Baptist Team KID (Kids in Discipleship) meets Wednesdays at 6:30 until 8:00 pm at 2410 W. 23rd St. All children ages 4 thru 5th graders are invited to attend.

For more information call the church at 669-6509.

New Life Assembly of God

New Life Assembly of God is located at 1435 N. Sumner Street in Pampa. New pastor, Sergio Urrutia, said their mission is "New life Assembly of God is committed to fulfilling a four-fold mission.

Our primary reason for being is to evangelize the lost, worship God, disciple believer and to show compassion, to build a multi-ethnic body of believers.

New life commits to reaching out to Pampa in all areas of the township with special emphasis to our Latino brothers and sisters.

Our worship will be a reflection of our multi-ethnic mixture of disciples including Christian Latino music, contemporary music as well as the traditional hymns and songs of the church.

Outreach will have as its goal to produce new believers who in turn are able to witness effectively and make disciples who will in turn continue this cycle.

This will be effected through small group bible studies, both Bi-lingual services, and bibles."

Services are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Sundays and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ is located at 1342 Mary Ellen St. Corner of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

Right across from the high school.

Bible Classes start at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship is at 5 p.m. and Ladies Bible Class Wednesday 10 a.m.

Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ also offers Wednesday Bible Class at 7 p.m.

The clothing room is open on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Keith Feerer is the Preacher and Zac Green is Youth Minister.

For more information call 806-665-0031.

Saint Matthew's Episcopal Church

Located at 727 West Browning, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church openly welcomes everyone to a place of worship rich in outreach to the community of Pampa and the surrounding area.

Worship services for the week begin on Sunday 8 a.m. (No music) Sunday School and Adult Christian Education begins at 9:30 a.m. Our main worship service begins Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Our Wednesday 10 a. m. we offer a service which follows the "Litany of Healing" where prayer needs throughout the community and the world are identified. The Episcopal Church Women's bible study immediately follows the Wednesday 10 a.m. service. Additionally, there is a Wednesday 6 p.m. worship service.

Please note that Saint Matthew's opens its doors to everyone on the third Wednesday of each month with an open invitation to eat with us during our monthly Community Ministry dinners. We serve dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There is no charge and we do not ask for donations. It is through God's blessings that we are able to freely offer these meals. We welcome all with open loving arms.

Please call (806) 665-0701 for additional information.

McLean Cowboy Church

McLean Cowboy Church is a non-denominational spirit-filled Christian church.

The pastor is Ronnie Ferguson.

Sunday worship is at 10:30 a.m. and children's ministry is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

The ages for the children's ministry are nursery through fifth grade.

The church is located at the intersection of state Highway 273 and Interstate 40 in McLean.

For more information, call 806-779-0260.

Southside Church of Christ

Southside Church of Christ is located at 11923 W. McCullough Ave. in Pampa.

The church extends an open invitation to all to come and worship where the gospel, "God's Word," is always taught and preached.

Regular worship services are: Sunday morning Bible study, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; morning worship begins at 10:45 a.m. to noon; Wednesday night Bible study is from 5 to 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

Each Wednesday we have our children and adult Worship On Wednesday (WOW) classes from 5:30-6:30 followed by a light meal.

We have an awesome youth program that is trying to grow for sixth graders through high school.

They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings. They meet from 6:30 -7:30 on Wednesday evenings.

All of our classes are open to anyone who would like to attend and learn more about God. This is followed by our choir practice at 7:30 if you would like to join the choir too.

We also offer a Twenties & Thirties, TNT, a group for young adults, that meets on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. for bible study.

Worship service is at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, preceded with adult and children's Sunday schools. We do offer nursery service for our Sunday mornings.

Come worship with us and stay to socialize with us.

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■ **Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault**, meet at 6 p.m., Thursdays, at the Tralee Crisis Center, 308 S. Cuyler St. For more info, call the Center at 806-669-1131.

■ **Narcotics Anonymous — The Pampa Group** meets at 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and at 6 p.m., Saturdays, at 805 N. Gray St. **Narcotics Anonymous — Rufe Jordan Unit** also meets at 6 p.m., Mondays, and at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at 1992 Hilton Road.

■ **Cancer Support** meets from 12-1 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Central Baptist Church. For more info, contact Beth Kean at 800-274-4673

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Open Door Club meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky Ave. **Al-Anon** meets at noon on Mondays. For more information, call 665-9072.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Primary Purpose meets daily at noon and 8 p.m. at 112 W. Foster Ave.

■ **Alcoholics Anonymous** Keep It Simple meets Thursdays at 6 p.m. at the Methodist church in White Deer.

■ **Pampa Caregiver Support** meets at the Pampa Nursing Center on 1321 W. Kentucky Ave. at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information call 806-669-2551.

■ **Accolade Home Care** sponsors a **Parkinson's Support Group** the second Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. The group meets at Accolade at 1313 N. Hobart St.

They also have an **Alzheimer's support group**, which is held on the third Monday of each month at First United Methodist Church, located at 201 E. Foster, at noon.

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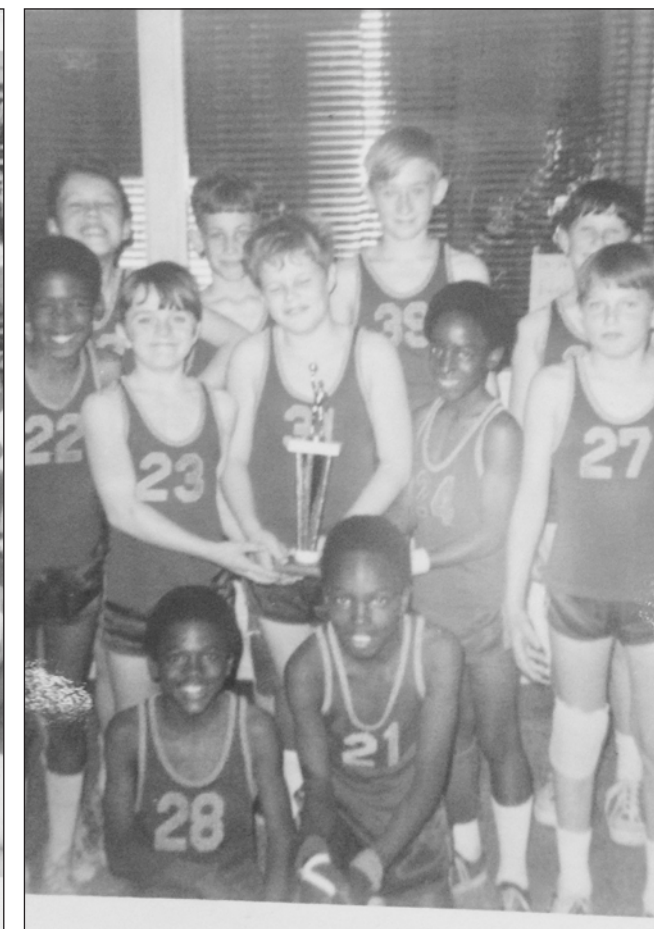
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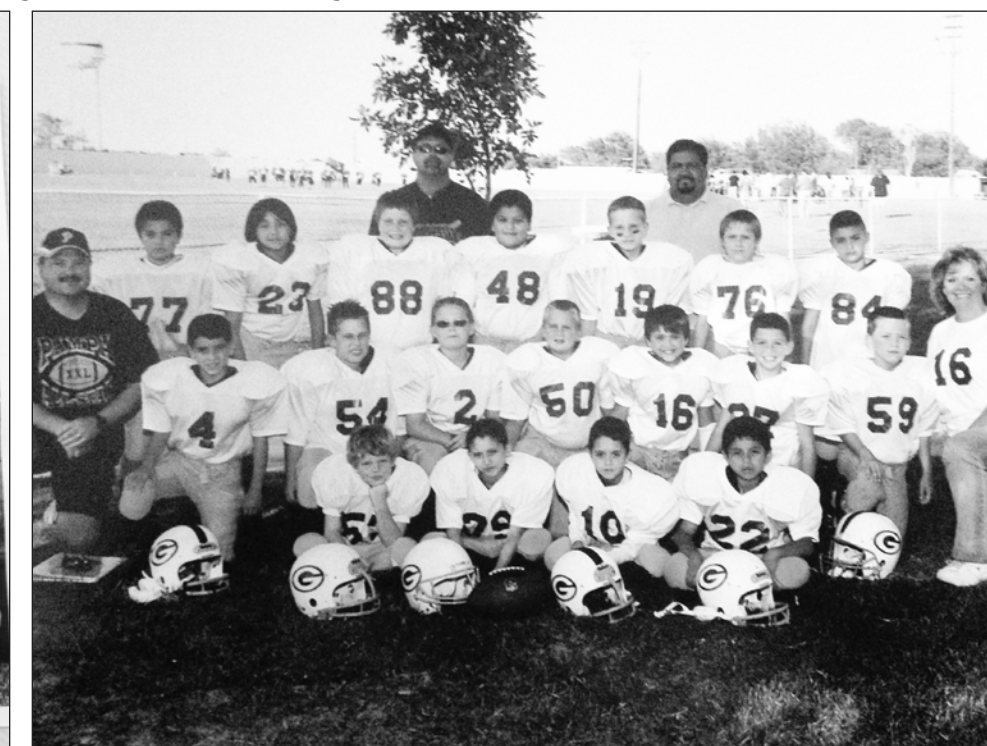
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 Top left, a football team in November 1970. Top middle, a basketball team from the 1970s. Top right, an article featuring the Optimist Club when it first opened in Pampa. Bottom left, a baseball team. Bottom right, a third and fourth grade football team from 2006.



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Top left, the 14U softball All-Stars from 2015. Top right, a volleyball team from this past fall in 2014. Below, the 2014 Babe Ruth All-Star State Champions. Middle below, a girls basketball team from 2015. Bottom, a volleyball team from 2014.



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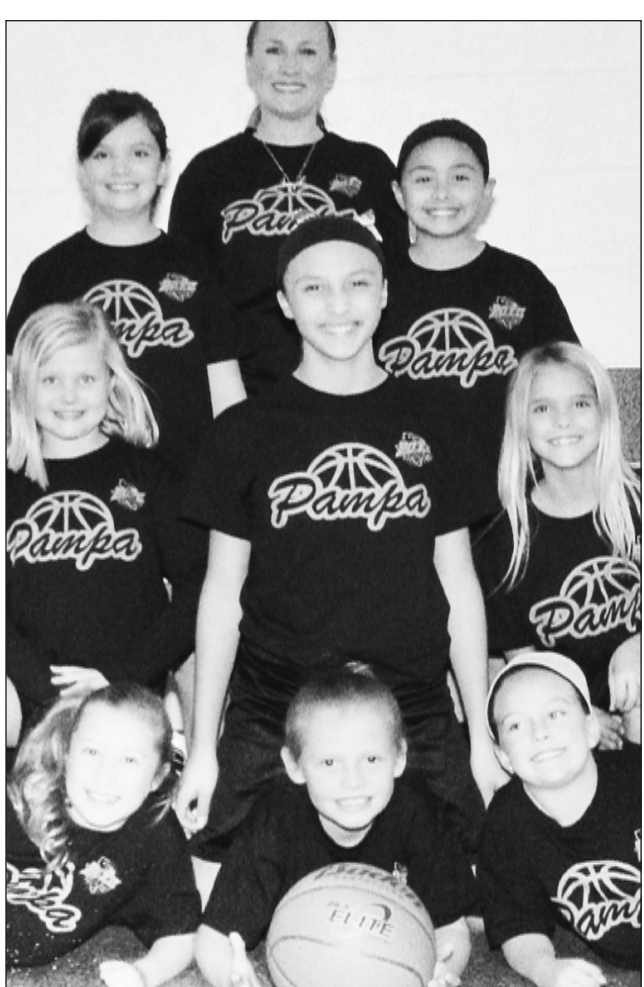
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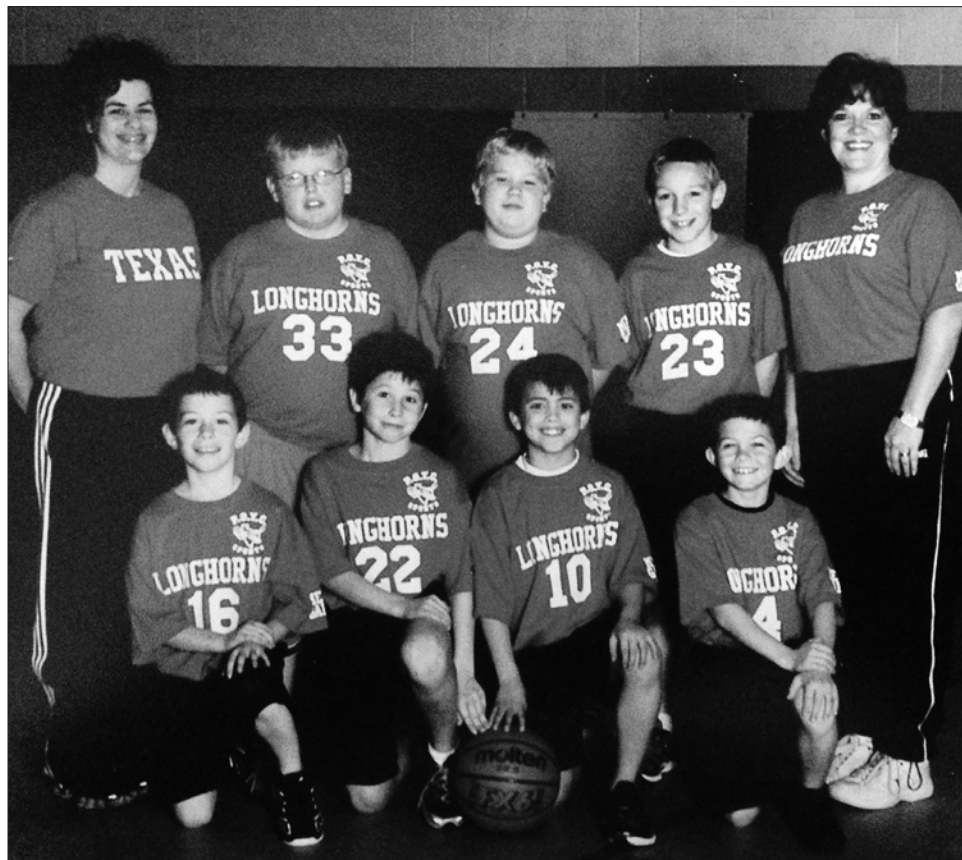
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Pampa Fire Department call log — July 4 - July 5

STAFF REPORT
 The Pampa Fire Department responded to these calls for the following dates. One unit with three personnel responded to each call, unless otherwise indicated.

July 4
 • At 3:06 a.m., to the 1500 block of East 23rd on a CO alarm.
 • At 8:21 a.m., to the 700 block of Magnolia on a medical assist.
 • At 1:16 p.m., to the 2100 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.

• At 5:26 p.m., to the 1700 block of Grape on a medical assist.
 • At 6:48 p.m., one unit and two personnel for fire-work standby.
 • At 7:32 p.m., to the 500 block of North Frost on a medical assist.
 • At 10:51 p.m., one unit and two personnel to the 1000 block of East Campbell on an unauthorized burn.

July 5
 • At 1:10 a.m., to the 100 block of East 25th on a medical assist.

Iraqi fighter jet accidentally bombs Baghdad, 12 killed

BAGHDAD (AP) — An Iraqi fighter jet accidentally dropped a bomb on a Baghdad neighborhood Monday, killing at least 12 people on the ground, Iraqi officials said.

The plane — one of several Russian-made Sukhois used by Iraq in the fight against the Islamic State group — was returning to base at the time.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Saad Maan Ibrahim told The Associated Press a technical failure caused the jet to drop the bomb, which hit houses in the Iraqi capital's eastern neighborhood of New Baghdad.

Three children and two women were among the dead, a police officer at the scene and a medical official at a nearby hospital said. At least 25 were wounded, the two officials added.

AP footage showed rescue teams in orange jumpsuits and blue helmets searching through the rubble.

At least one victim was seen wrapped in a blanket and rushed to an ambulance.

Iraq is going through its worst crisis since the 2011 withdrawal of U.S. troops. The Islamic State group controls large swaths of the country's north and west after capturing Iraq's second-largest city of Mosul and the majority of the western Anbar province last year.

Also Monday, separate attacks in and around Baghdad killed at least seven people.

A booby-trapped house exploded in Baghdad's southern suburb of Arab Jabour, killing three members of security forces and wounding nine, a police officer said.

In another attack, two soldiers were killed and five hurt when mortar rounds hit their base in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, the officer said.

A bomb at a market in the western Ghazaliyah neighborhood killed two civilians and wounded six.

Medical officials confirmed casualty figures. All spoke on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to release information.

Scot Breithaupt, BMX pioneer, found dead in California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scot Alexander Breithaupt, who organized bicycle races on dirt motorcycle courses in the early 1970s, becoming a founder of BMX and later a champion and one of the sport's best known figures, died in California, authorities said Monday.

A body found Saturday morning in a tent at a vacant lot in the desert city of Indio was identified as Breithaupt, Sgt. Dan Marshall said. Police responded after someone called police to report the body near a shopping center.

Breithaupt, who was 57 and lived in neighboring La Quinta, had been dead for an unknown time, and there were no obvious signs of foul play, Marshall said. A cause of death had not been determined Monday.

"Scot was one of the key figures in making BMX become what it is today. He would say he was the key figure, because that was the kind of guy he was," said Craig Barrette, spokesman for USA BMX, which runs the sport's Hall of Fame, where Breithaupt is enshrined. "He was involved in every aspect of BMX."

Breithaupt was a teen-

ager and a competitive motocross rider when one day he saw a group of kids riding their bicycles in a dirt lot near his home in Long Beach, Calif. He was inspired to organize bicycle races on a dirt track similar to those used by motocross riders.

"Those were some of the first BMX races ever," Barrette said.

Breithaupt became a BMX rider, winning several championships, and eventually a color commentator when the sport began to be televised in the 1980s.

Later he started manufacturing bikes, founding the company SE Racing and creating several innovative frame designs, Barrette said.

After retiring from active racing, he sold SE and started LM Productions, producing BMX and extreme sport shows for the Fox and ESPN television networks.

Jamie Bestwick, 13-time X Games BMX gold medalist, said on his Twitter and Facebook pages that he was sad to hear of the passing of "one of the all-time greats."

"Scot Breithaupt thank you for your amazing contributions and dedication to BMX," Bestwick said.

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2011 Women's World Cup rematch dominated by USA.

Sunday night, millions tuned in to watch the 2015 Women's World Cup final game between the United States and Japan. It was a rematch of the 2011 Women's World Cup Final. That game saw Japan win in penalty kicks. It was 2-2 after regulation and overtime.

The United States completely destroyed Japan in a 5-2 victory. The USA had



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four goals within the first 16 minutes of the game. The game scored a 15.2 rating in metered market result for Fox, according to Nielsen. That was a 77 percent rise compared to the 2011 final and it was the highest MM result for a soccer game on a single network in U.S. television history. The previous game at the helm? Yup, the 1999 Women's World Cup Final when the United States beat China for its first ever title.

If you take away the own goal snafu by Hope Solo, the United States only allowed two goals in the entire World Cup. That is an impressive feat. The only other goal scored was in the Australia game to open the tournament.

Being a casual soccer fan, it was hard to watch some of those defensive battles early on. Everyone in the media said, "just wait if the USA can find their offense it will be fun to watch." Boy I am sure glad I waited as that offense provided more fireworks in the first 16 minutes of the game than we saw just the day before on Saturday.

The three goals may not seem like a lot to casual fans, but it was the biggest margin of victory in a WWC Final ever. The United States also became the first team to win three WWC titles.

If you take a 90 minute soccer game and divide it by 15-16 minutes, that breaks it up to six segments. So in just one of the six segments, the USA

scored four goals. Let's try to make a comparison for other sports.

Football — The game is 60 minutes and divided into four, 15 minute quarters. Sixty divided by 15-16 is about 10 minutes. The comparison here would be a 28-0 score just ten minutes into the ball game, that is of course if the team scored a touchdown on every possession.

Baseball — The game is nine innings. If you divide the game's 54 outs by 15 you get 3.6. This means three outs would be made, one half inning, and a team would be batting in the bottom of the first inning. The score would be 4-0, if the team only knocked in single runs and that would be before any outs were even recorded in the team's first at-bat.

Basketball — The game is 48 minutes. Our same division would be 3.2, or just over three minutes into the first quarter. It would be a 12-0 run to begin the game if a team shot three pointers.

These comparisons should be taken with a grain of salt as I probably didn't even calculate right, but the point of the matter is how impressive that beginning was. In basketball, teams can come back from a 20 point deficit as late as the fourth quarter. In baseball, teams can come back from a 6-0 first inning deficit to win the game. In football, teams can come back from a 21 point deficit at halftime to win games. But in soccer, a one goal lead is huge, a

two goal lead is bigger, a three goal lead is pretty secure and a four goal lead is almost impossible to come back from.

Why is that the case in soccer when so many other sports can have big comebacks? That is because in soccer teams can play aggressively to score goals, but when they get a two goal or more lead they can sit back on the defensive and play aggressively on the defensive end. That is why it is so hard to score on teams when you are trailing.

Needless to say, it was a pretty impressive win anyway you slice it. The men's team is also improving rapidly and the game of soccer will continue to gain popularity in America as these teams continue to have success.

I will be the first to admit that I used to be a soccer is dumb, boring sport person. Now I am turning that corner around.

Winning teams always help that and the American teams keep winning. Not only that, but the Pampa teams are showing some great success in recent years as well thanks to new coaches Joel Baker and Hugo Aguilon. I am excited to see how many more improvements come from those teams next season.

By the way, PHS is hosting soccer camp this week so head on out to the field between 9 and 11 a.m. for grades one through fifth. Then from 1 to 3 p.m. for grades sixth through nine.

Zachary Green is the sports editor of The Pampa News. He can be reached at zgreen@thepampanews.com or on Twitter: @okiecawpoke14.

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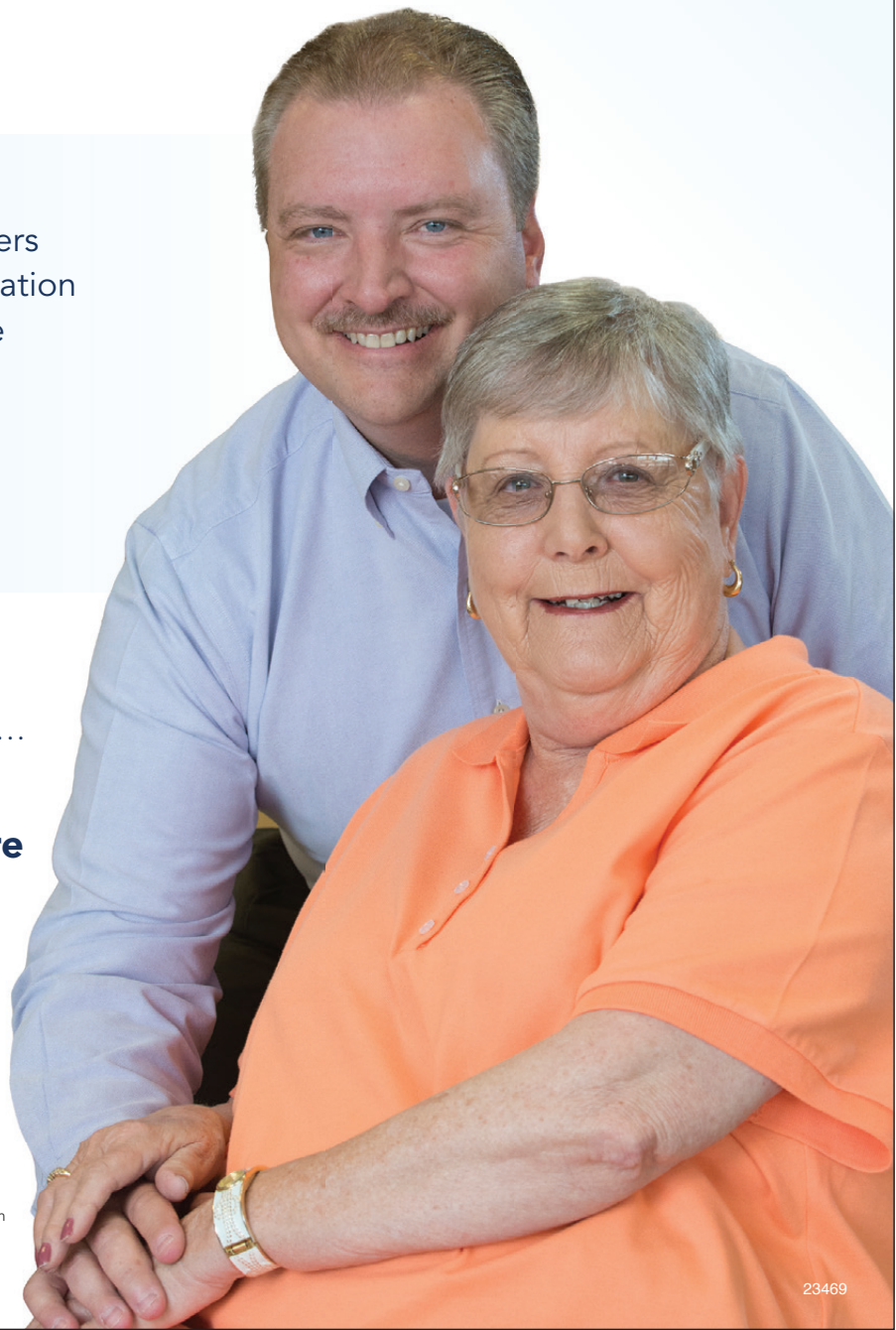
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Baseball

Cape Cod League: Bourne at Chatham.....FCSA 6 p.m.

Summer Games

United States v. Serbia.....ESPNU 10 p.m.

Game times and channels are subject to change.

Rodriguez beats Froome to win crash-marred 3rd stage of Tour

HUY, Belgium (AP) — Spanish veteran Joaquim Rodriguez won the crash-marred third stage of the Tour de France on Monday, with British rider Chris Froome finishing second to take the race leader's yellow jersey.

The crash happened with a little under 60 kilometers (37 miles) remaining, forcing the stage to be neutralized and then stopped altogether shortly after — for nearly 20 minutes — while organizers allowed those who fell to catch up.

With the race moving from neighboring Netherlands into Belgium, stage three was 159.5 kilometers (99 miles) from Antwerp to Huy.

It featured four short and sharp climbs but the crash took place before any of these when Frenchman William Bonnet went down and several riders tumbled around him.

All of the main Tour contenders avoided the crash, unlike Fabian Cancellara, who started the day in the yellow jersey and ended it in agony after being one of some 20 riders who fell.

After taking chunks of time out of his Tour rivals Vincenzo Nibali and Nairo Quintana on Sunday's rain-soaked and wind-battered second stage, Froome did it again as he accelerated in the last climb. He almost caught up Rodriguez, but the Spanish rider held on with Froome closing in on him.

"It's never too early to take the yellow jersey," Froome said. "Really happy to come second and put more time on my GC (general classification) contenders. I was in front (of the crash) and just heard it about it on the radio."

Rodriguez and Froome clocked the same time of 3 hours, 26 minutes, 54 seconds. Frenchman Alexis Vuillermoz was third, four seconds behind them.

Froome, the 2013 Tour champion, leads German rider Tony Martin by just one second and is 13 seconds ahead of American rider Tejay Van Garderen.

The day's final two climbs — 1.3 kilometers (0.8 miles) — up Cote de Cherave and the famed Mur de Huy featured on this year's Fleche Wallonne (Walloon Arrow) classic. That prompted Froome to ride the Wallonne this year, where he crashed toward the end.

He had better luck this time, gaining 11 seconds on Nibali and Quintana and 18 seconds on two-time Tour champion Contador.

"I lost quite a lot of time. I said before the stage that stages like this are often difficult," Contador said. "It was very hard in the end and I was lacking something. Froome is very strong and he's come here in good form."

Monday's heavy crash took its toll. Cancellara was one of the last to go down, leaping

into the air with his bike attached to him, then landing with a thud — luckily on the grass — and skidding on his side. Escaping with a few cuts and bruises, Cancellara got back on his bike. But others were not so lucky.

Bonnet was taken off on a stretcher with a brace around his neck. Dutch rider Tom Dumoulin — competing for the best young rider's white jersey — Australian veteran Simon Gerrans, and Russian Dmitry Kozontchuk also withdrew from the race.

During Sunday's trek along the Dutch coastline, time gaps were made when heavy side winds caused a split in the front of the peloton.

This time, the weather was not to blame.

Bonnet lost control and his bike slid forward and down.

Racing at tremendous speed on the flat, low roads of Belgium, it was impossible for those behind to either slow down or get out of the way, and one after the other they went up, down, or sideways in a bewildering flash of colors, bobbing helmets, spokes and wheels.

The end result was a tangled mess of bikes, spewed in all directions on the side of the road, while some riders lay on their backs in the grass and others were curled up in agony on the hot tarmac.

As the pack up ahead

slowed down — waiting stretched out in a narrow street — riders started coming back into the race: cuts and bruises decorating their backs and legs. Cancellara grimaced in pain, Australian Michael Matthews looked to be in tears, and it was hard to see which team Johan Van Summeren was riding for given how shredded his shirt was.

The stage re-started for good at the top of the first climb, meaning there were about 50 kilometers (31 miles) remaining. But it almost seemed like a training ride in slow motion for about 8 kilometers (5 miles) as no rider wanted to speed up.

Finally, the pace stepped up again, and about a dozen riders surged ahead. Doubtless due to fatigue, the others let them go.

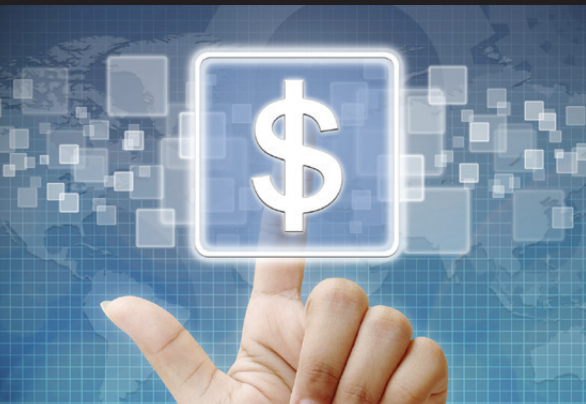
Tuesday's fourth stage stays in Belgium's Walloon region, starting out from Seraing, and ending in the northern French town of Cambrai 223.5 kilometers (138.6 miles) later, making it the longest of the race.

With 13 kilometers (8 miles) of cobblestone sections dotted around the route, it could also prove treacherous.

Given how Sunday and Monday went, riders will hardly be relishing it.

"It's been an incredible Tour so far and there have been nerves and stress every day," Contador said. "Tomorrow will be the same."

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FIFA bans former 2018-2022 WCup inspector for 7 years

ZURICH (AP) — FIFA has banned the official it chose to inspect 2018 and 2022 World Cup hosting candidates for breaking ethics rules.

Harold Mayne-Nicholls was suspended for seven years by FIFA's ethics committee which gave no reason in its decision published on Monday.

The former Chile football federation president has previously

spoken to some media of conversations he had in 2010 with officials in Qatar about possible work placements for relatives at the Aspire youth academy.

Mayne-Nicholls was considering standing in the FIFA presidential election when his ethics case was reported last year.

Instead, he is barred "from taking part in any kind of football-related activity at national and international level for a period of seven years," the ethics panel said in a brief statement.

FIFA ethics judge Joachim Eckert chaired the panel which conducted a personal hearing for Mayne-Nicholls, who can appeal to FIFA and then the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

Eckert's statement said "more detailed information will be given after this final decision becomes effective."

Challenges to FIFA's appeals committee and subsequently to CAS typically take around one year.

Mayne-Nicholls was appointed by FIFA in 2010 to lead a six-member team evaluating the 2018-2022 World Cup bidders. All nine candidates were visited between July and September 2010.

In the technical report, Mayne-Nicholls flagged eventual winners Russia and Qatar as presenting the most risk to FIFA as potential host nations.

The FIFA executive committee largely ignored his report, and a FIFA-commissioned analysis of the commercial prospects for each bidder's World Cup project, in a December 2010 vote.

Mayne-Nicholls was voted out of office in Chile soon after completing his task for FIFA.

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McIlroy ruptures ligament in ankle while playing soccer

LONDON (AP) — Rory McIlroy was on crutches Monday with an ankle injury from playing soccer, leaving in doubt the prospects of golf's No. 1 player defending his British Open title next week at St. Andrews.

Just as excitement was building toward a potential clash at the Old Course between McIlroy and Jordan Spieth, McIlroy posted a jarring photo on Instagram showing him on crutches with a walking boot on this left ankle. The 26-year-old from Northern Ireland said it was a "total rupture" of an ankle ligament and the joint capsule



Rory McIlroy

that happened while he was playing soccer with friends.

Sean O'Flaherty, his chief spokesman, said McIlroy has withdrawn from the Scottish Open this week at Gullane. O'Flaherty said they would not know until later in the week the extent of the injury and whether McIlroy would be able to tee it up July 16 at St. Andrews.

Ben Hogan in 1954 was the last British Open champion who did not play the following year.

McIlroy had been the joint favorite along with Spieth. They have won the last four majors — the first time in nearly a century that two players in their 20s have shared four successive majors — and Spieth is headed to St. Andrews as only the fourth player with a chance at the

Grand Slam.

Players were shocked to hear the news.

"Unlucky, obviously," Luke Donald said in a telephone interview. "I would never say, 'Don't play football or don't do these things.' You don't want to live in a bubble. It's just unlucky timing, especially this time of the year. Golf is exciting with Rory and Jordan."

It's added a bit of spice to the game. It's a shame if Rory were to miss the Open, which it looks like he might.

Sergio Garcia, a runner-up to McIlroy at Royal Liverpool last year, tweeted, "So sad to hear about @Rory McIlroy injury on his ankle. We will all miss you @TheOpen next week my friend. Fast and healthy recovery."

McIlroy referred to his

ATFL, which is the anterior talofibular ligament and the one most commonly sprained. The left ankle is crucial in a golf swing as weight transfers to that side of the body (for right-handers) in generating power.

"That's a big blow to the Open if he misses it," former Ryder Cup captain Sam Torrance said from Wimbledon.

McIlroy won the Open last year at Royal Liverpool by going wire-to-wire and taking a six-shot lead into the final round. He also won the PGA Championship, joining Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods and Bobby Jones as the only players in the last century with four majors at age 25 or younger.

The injury brought to mind Woods winning the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey

Pines with a stress fracture and shredded knee ligaments in his left leg. Woods knew about the injury a month before the U.S. Open and was determined to play, mainly because he was a six-time PGA Tour at Torrey Pines.

No one saw this injury to McIlroy coming, however. Along with potentially missing the British Open, McIlroy faces a busy time of the year as defending champion of the World Golf Championship at Firestone and the PGA Championship, followed by the FedEx Cup in America and the Race to Dubai in Europe.

Shane Lowry of Ireland told the Irish Times that he heard about the injury on Saturday.

"It's not ideal for him because he's wearing that boot and he's going to have

everyone in the media on his back now," Lowry said. "But should he be playing football? I don't know. He likes playing football, and he likes playing football with his mates. What's wrong with that? ... People think because you're good at something you should just do that and focus on that, but that's not what life is about."

McIlroy has an affinity with the Old Course. It's where he secured his European Tour card in 2007 as an 18-year-old at the Dunhill Links with a third-place finish. He also tied the major championship record of 63 when the British Open was held at St. Andrews in 2010, though McIlroy followed with an 80 in the wind. He tied for third at St. Andrews five years ago.

Vols' Barnes: 'No legs' to Texas academic misconduct report

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee coach Rick Barnes says he doesn't have reason to be concerned about a Texas investigation into allegations of academic misconduct in its men's basketball program.

Texas hired an outside investigator following a Chronicle of Higher Education report that mentioned potential allegations involving three former men's basketball players dating back to 2006. Barnes had coached Texas the last 17 seasons before getting fired in March.

Texas officials have said the university "has no information that suggests" Barnes knew of or was involved in any academic improprieties. Texas athletic director Steve Patterson has said Barnes' exit had "nothing to do with any academic issues."

"If you read the article, from my point of view, there's no legs to it," Barnes told reporters Monday in his first public comments on the matter since the report came out. "I think Texas has said everything that needed to be said. I'm sure they'll proceed with whatever they think they

have to do there, but it was made clear that I had no involvement in it, which I knew. If I thought there was something, I would address (it). (Because of) the fact it has no legs, I'm not really concerned about it."

In the report, a former academic counselor said a math instructor told him she saw former basketball player Martez Walker cheating on an exam, and that Walker was allowed to pass anyway. Walker has since transferred. The counselor also said he believed former Texas player P.J. Tucker received impermissible help with a paper while preparing for the NBA draft. Also in the report, a former academic mentor said he helped write papers for former player J'Covan Brown.

Barnes said he was confident nothing would come out of the report and cited Texas' statement saying it had no information to suggest he was involved in any misconduct.

"I guess if I would say anything, it would be that it's just disappointing why my picture was put there with it anyway," Barnes said. "If I did make a statement, it would have been that I hate for, (with) everything that's

happened here at the University of Tennessee, for something like that to pop up. But from where I stand and where I sit and what I know and the people I'm close to back there, everyone says, 'Hey, you know there's nothing to it. There's no legs to it, so why get involved?'"

Barnes took over as Tennessee's coach just two days after getting fired at Texas, where he went 402-180 and reached the NCAA Tournament in 16 of his 17 seasons.

The Volunteers hired him to replace Donnie Tyndall, who was fired after only one season because Tennessee officials decided the NCAA was likely to determine Tyndall had committed major violations while coaching Southern Mississippi from 2012-14.

When the article came out, Tennessee athletic director Dave Hart issued a statement in support of Barnes.

Hart said Barnes "has a sterling reputation as a person of very high ethical standards at every institution he has represented, and we are excited to have him lead our men's basketball program."

Iowa State expanding stadium to 61,000

AMES, Iowa (AP) — One of the many reasons cited for Iowa State's lack of success in football was a stadium experience that often fell flat.

That shouldn't be much of an excuse much longer.

The Cyclones are in the final stages of a major renovation to the stadium's south end zone, part of a \$60 million expansion of Jack Trice Stadium that is set to be completed in late August.

It's arguably the most ambitious renovation at the 40-year-old stadium, which will soon be the third-largest in the Big 12 with a capacity of 61,000. Iowa State opens its season Sept. 5 when it hosts

Northern Iowa in front of what should be the biggest crowd in school history

"The south end zone project is something that's been discussed for 25 years," athletic director Chris Jorgensen said. "So to finally see where we're less than 100 days away from seeing it in action, everybody is really excited about that."

The stadium's original design offered 1970s-style functionality. Adjoining double-decked grandstands were surrounded by a sea of parking lots perfectly positioned for tailgating.

But the place has always lacked an aesthetic charm so common with other college football stadiums.

The Cyclones are hoping this project will fix that.

The centerpiece of the new end zone will be a two-story club space, replacing a set of metal bleachers put in nearly 15 years ago. The facility will feature a glass-encased upper level with views of the field and multiple bars, accessible only to the 3,000 fans that purchase club seats.

Iowa State is hoping the club's facade will be a much cleaner look for both fans and the general public, since the road that borders the stadium serves as a de facto entrance for many heading to campus as well.

Oklahoma State, Oregon State agree to football series

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma State and Oregon State have agreed to a home-and-home football series in 2019 and 2020.

Oklahoma State announced Thursday that the Cowboys and the Beavers will play in Corvallis, Oregon on Aug. 31, 2019, and in Stillwater on Sept. 5, 2020.

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Ted Cruz's 2016 campaign says its raised more than \$14M

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ted Cruz's presidential campaign has raised more than \$14 million since the Texas senator launched his bid for the Republican presidential nomination just over three months ago, his campaign said Sunday.

The money comes from more than 120,000 donors who made an average contribution of \$81. Some donors gave more than once.

Presidential candidates are required to report detailed fundraising figures though the end of June to the Federal Election Commission by mid-July, but Cruz is among a handful of contenders who have announced overall totals ahead of the disclosure date.

Republican Ben Carson, a retired neurosurgeon and political novice, will report having raised \$8.3 million for his presidential candidacy, his campaign said on Wednesday.

On the Democratic side, front runner Hillary Rodham Clinton will report having raised \$45 million.

Cruz was the first major Republican to wade into the GOP primary, which will soon have 16 formally declared candidates. After his March 23 announcement at Liberty University in Virginia, his campaign raised just over \$4 million in the final week of that month. Since then, he's collected another \$10 million, his campaign said. Cruz also transferred \$250,000 from his Senate campaign to his presidential campaign, according to documents filed with the FEC.

"The grassroots energy and support we are seeing is overwhelming," Cruz said in a statement.

Cruz also will benefit from several super PACs that are supporting him and can raise money without contribution limits. Those groups have previously said they have raised \$37 million.

Presidential campaigns must report their fundraising details to federal regulators by July 15. Outside groups such as super PACs have a later deadline.

Cruz, Huckabee competing for evangelical votes

MILNER, Ga. (AP) — Republican presidential candidates Ted Cruz and Mike Huckabee went head-to-head for evangelical votes this weekend, telling a megachurch congregation in Georgia that God favors the United States but warning that the nation is on a perilous spiritual path because of actions like the Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage in all 50 states.

Huckabee, who enjoyed evangelical support on his way to winning eight states in his 2008 White House bid, called the ruling "radical" and "illegal."

"I want to serve notice that the Supreme Court is just the supreme of the court system that is one of the three equal branches of government," Huckabee told hundreds of members of Rock Springs Church in a rural area outside metro Atlanta. "It is not the supreme branch, and it most certainly is not the supreme being."

Cruz, the Texas senator, said a five-justice majority "ignored the text of the Constitution" and said the cascade of judicial and public support for same-sex marriage threatens religious liberty in America. He said he hopes the ruling "serves as a spark, to start a fire that becomes a raging inferno as the body of Christ stands up to defend the values that have built America."

Their appearance on Sunday at the megachurch about 50 miles south of downtown Atlanta is part of the early, concerted scramble for the conservative evangelicals who remain an important bloc of the GOP presidential electorate. Christian conservatives have long held considerable influence in Iowa, which hosts the first caucus of the primary season, and in South Carolina, home of the South's first primary a few weeks later.

Now, Georgia and several other Southern states get more frequent visits from presidential hopefuls ahead of the planned "SEC primary," named for the Southeastern Conference of college athletics. The March 1, 2016, vote falls after the traditional first four states and ahead of the usual "Super Tuesday" states.

Huckabee, whose 2008 wins included Iowa and Georgia, has called the Southern-dominated primary date "manna from heaven." But Cruz and others — Rick Santorum, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson — are making hard runs for the same bloc of support.

The Sunday event was a belated Independence Day

observance that also featured The Charlie Daniels Band and Jap Robertson, one of the members of the cable television "Duck Dynasty" family. For Cruz and Huckabee, it might as well have been a county fair in Iowa, with an added opportunity to speak openly and passionately in their preferred evangelical tones.

Cruz told the story of an Iowa couple he said were driven out of the wedding chapel business after denying their services to two men who wanted to get married. The case, Cruz said, "is emblematic of the persecution that religious liberty and believers across this country." He continued: "I will always, always, always stand and defend the religious liberty of every American."

Huckabee said the Independence Day observances were an opportunity to reject "the revisionists" who say of the American founders: "They really were not believers." The ordained Baptist minister argued: "There is simply no other explanation ... God had to bless America or we would not exist. The question is will God continue to bless America without our repentance."

Rev. Benny Tate, pastor of the 6,000-member Rock Springs congregation, joked about the attention. "Our zip code is E-I-E-I-O," he said, "and we've got two presidential candidates. How about that?" But the minister is also a serious player in Republican politics, with many Georgia politicians, and now national ones, courting his public approval, if not his explicit endorsement.

Tate told the assembly that Huckabee, as Arkansas governor, signed "a ban on partial-birth abortion," referring to the termination of late-term pregnancies. He hailed Cruz for "standing against the Democratic Party ... and even against the Republican Party."

Despite the emphasis on faith, Huckabee's loudest applause came when he lauded his "fair tax" proposal that he said "would allow us to, once and for all, abolish the IRS." Cruz, meanwhile, drew some of his most enthusiastic reactions when he declared, "I'm convinced 2016 will be a referendum on repealing Obamacare," President Barack Obama's signature health care law.

A few minutes earlier, the assembly passed offering plates for the church's clinics, which Tate said provide "free health care" to residents in dozens of surrounding counties.

Fraying family ties cut to heart of theater gunman's defense

CENTENNIAL, Colo. (AP) — They show up in court every day, a visible reminder to jurors that even a killer has parents who love him and who don't want him to die.

But more than two months into his mass-murder trial, James Holmes has yet to turn around in his seat and acknowledge them.

They called him Jimbo. He called them Goober and Bobbo. But the relationship Arlene and Robert Holmes had with their son had been strained since he was a young boy. After he left for graduate school, their communication was mostly confined to terse emails.

Holmes told a psychiatrist years after his gunshots killed 12 people and injured 70 in a crowded Colorado movie theater that he doesn't like to talk with people — even his mother and father.

Holmes' remoteness from his parents cuts to the heart of his insanity defense.

Prosecutors say he held them at bay in a calculated effort to conceal his murderous plans, even from those who raised and loved him. Defense attorneys say their fraying family ties reveal a man so delusional that he couldn't bear revealing his struggle, even to those who could have helped.

Just before the trial,

Holmes' parents begged for a plea deal that would spare his life.

"He is a human being gripped by a severe mental illness," they said in a statement in December, as thousands of jury summonses were mailed. "We have always loved him, and we do not want him to be executed."

Now, the San Diego couple sits two rows behind him, scribbling into tiny notepads. They have heard scores of victims describe the slaughter their son inflicted in July 2012 and watched psychiatrists pick apart his addled mind.

It's hard to tell how all this affects them. They have made very few public statements in the nearly three years since the attack. They don't cry or hang their heads. Arlene occasionally reaches for her husband's hand during particularly heart-wrenching moments, and he wraps his arm around her shoulder, pulling her close.

They have declined to comment during the trial, and court orders prevent reporters from approaching them. They may be called to testify as the defense continues presenting its case, or more likely, at sentencing if he is convicted.

"We are mourners — just like everyone else in the courtroom and nothing like anyone else in the courtroom because we are the parents," Arlene wrote in a book of prayers and reflections published earlier this year that sheds some light on her experience. "We are like no one else in the world."

Holmes' attorneys have referenced a family history of disorders, including an aunt with schizophrenia and a grandfather who was institutionalized. Holmes' parents and younger sister joined him in family therapy when he was in eighth grade. Arlene Holmes was hoping the family could become closer, and she may have been struggling with depression herself, Holmes said.

Family therapy didn't

help in any case, because he never opened up for fear of seeming weak, Holmes told a psychiatrist conducting a sanity evaluation two years after the attack.

Holmes told that doctor that he was closer to his mother but more like his dad: "fastidious and detail oriented."

The distance between them grew when he returned home from undergraduate school without a job. When it came time to leave for his competitive neuroscience program at the University of Colorado, Denver, he turned down his father's offer to drive with him.

After that, his emails home were brief: "Goober, all is well here," one said.

At Thanksgiving, he emailed again to say he would be spending the holiday in Colorado "with a bunch of my peeps and my gal."

Their tone hardly changed, even as his life unraveled. In February 2012, he wrote to say he planned to cook his girlfriend a candlelight dinner. After she broke up with him days later, he wrote: "It hasn't exactly been the best of times."

They showed concern but didn't rush to Colorado, even after Holmes abruptly dropped out of school and his mother got a call from his therapist.

Dr. Lynne Fenton asked if it was unusual for their son to seem so emotionless and withdrawn. Arlene Holmes responded that her son had always been socially awkward.

"She was always worried about him and wanted to help him, but she wasn't sure how to do that," Fenton testified.

They offered to let him move home. He said he preferred to stay and live off unemployment.

"Please let me know how you are doing and if we can help in any way," Robert emailed him later. "This has been a trying time for you, and I want you to know we are with you."

By then, Holmes had

already assembled an arsenal of weapons. He had already researched movie showings, and picked the auditorium where he could kill the most people. He had already decided to launch his attack at the midnight Batman premiere on July 20, 2012.

Eight days before the shooting, Robert asked if they could come visit in August.

"I don't have any plans for that weekend," he wrote back.

Holmes knew he had his parents' support. In his halting responses to the court-ordered examiner, he described them as "warm and loving — talk to each other — hugs — I was the only shy one in the family."

But when a police officer asked Holmes for an emergency contact after his arrest, he at first listed Fenton, not his parents.

Two years later, Holmes said he didn't care if got the death penalty but would probably fight it for his parents' sake.

"They would miss me," he said.

Holmes said his parents regularly send him letters in jail. Arlene mentioned them in her book.

"I tell Jim I love him and pray he feels loved," Arlene wrote. "I hope his brain is not too disordered to remember what love feels like. A mother's letters to her son should be personal, but I forfeit that right because the unthinkable happened."

Holmes' mother also wrote of praying for the victims each night and waking up worrying their son has died behind bars. She mentioned her own feelings of guilt, too.


"I can never forgive myself for not knowing that this would happen," she wrote.

From where they sit, Holmes' parents are separated from their son's victims by reporters, sheriff's deputies and an aisle. While therapy dogs and victim advocates offer comfort to the survivors, they sit alone, a box of tissues at their feet.

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South Carolina lawmakers return for Confederate flag debate

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The depth of support for bringing down the Confederate flag gets its first test in the South Carolina Legislature this week as lawmakers return to Columbia to come up with a specific plan.

The General Assembly returns Monday to discuss Gov. Nikki Haley's budget vetoes and what to do with the rebel flag that has flown over some part of the Statehouse for more than 50 years.

Several bills have been filed, but details such as when to bring down the flag, whether to put another flag in its place and what kind of ceremony should mark the removal are not specified.

And if South Carolina takes any lesson from the 2000 debate that brought the Confederate flag off the Statehouse dome to its current location at a nearby monument to Confederate soldiers, it is that minor details can trip things up.

The Senate will debate the flag bill first, and Sen. Larry Martin expects several amendments discussing whether to keep the flagpole and put a different flag on it. Suggestions have included the U.S. flag, the South Carolina flag and a flag that may have been flown by Confederate troops but doesn't have the same connections as the red banner with the blue cross and white stars.

"We're going to be about as thorough listening to folks as we can be," said Martin, a Republican, after walking out of the governor's office Monday morning. "But we need to get to a vote today."

The Senate opened its discussions on the flag with an amendment to put the rebel banner's future up to a public vote. Debate was expected to last several hours.

The governor, business leaders, the Legislative Black Caucus and civil rights leaders are against flying any flag that flew over the Confederacy.

"There is no good-looking Confederate flag. It all stands for the same thing — secession," said Lonnie Randolph, president of the South Carolina chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Outside the Statehouse, dozens of protesters began to arrive Monday morning. Some called for the flag to come down. Others, such as Nelson Waller in his rebel flag tie, said the state was giving in to Northern liberals and civil rights activists.

Waller carried a sign that read "Keep the flag. Dump Nikki!" Two decades ago, he carried a "Dump Beasley" sign after then-Gov. David Beasley made an unsuccessful attempt to get the Confederate flag off the Statehouse dome.

A few years after Beasley's push and a round of stories that embarrassed the state's business community, a consensus emerged that South Carolina — the last state to fly a Confederate flag on its Capitol dome — needed to pull down the banner.

But 15 years ago, lawmakers spent months discussing whether to build a healing pool, display authentic flags in glass cases as a history lesson or include the Confederate flag in a circle of flags of historical significance. The compromise was reached a few weeks before the session ended.

The killing of nine black churchgoers in Charleston last month by a gunman police said was motivated by racial hatred and photographed holding Confederate flags and

regalia has created new support for removing the flag from the Statehouse entirely.

A survey of lawmakers by The Post and Courier newspaper, the South Carolina Press Association and The Associated Press asking lawmakers how they intend to vote after Haley's call to remove the flag found at least 33 senators and 83 House members agreed with her, reaching the threshold of a two-thirds vote needed under the law to alter the flag's position.

Some powerful Republicans have not said how they will vote. Senate Majority Leader Harvey Peeler has not taken a public position. Neither has House Speaker Jay Lucas.

There are a few voices for the flag. Republican State Sen. Lee Bright is trying to raise money with Confederate flag bumper stickers with the message "keep your hands off my flag." He also wants the state's voters to decide whether the flag is moved.

"In South Carolina, we know what this flag symbolizes: resistance against a federal, centralized power that far overreached its constitutional limits.

It proudly symbolizes states' rights and constitutional liberties, which many have fought and died for," Bright wrote in a statement on his website.

But plenty of lawmakers who held their nose and accepted the 2000 compromise are not willing to make any deal this time, said Gerald Malloy, a Democrat who joined the Senate in 2002.

"This is not a time to talk about compromise," Malloy said. "That flagpole should be replaced with some beautiful green grass."

Don't twist that Oreo: Cookie gets skinny, 'sophisticated'

NEW YORK (AP) — Oreos are getting a skinny new look, and its maker says the new cookie is a "sophisticated" snack for grown-ups that isn't meant to be twisted or dunked.

Mondelez International Inc. says it will add "Oreo Thins" to its permanent lineup in the U.S. starting next week. The cookies look like regular Oreos and have a similar cookie-to-filling ratio, except that they're slimmer. That means four of the cookies contain 140 calories, compared with 160 calories for three regular Oreos.

And since they're for adults, Oreo says they weren't designed to be twisted open or dunked. That's even though about half of customers pull apart regular Oreos before eating them, according to the company.

"If people want to do that, it's clearly up to them," said Janda Lukin, senior director of Oreo for North America

at parent company Mondelez International.

In explaining what exactly made them more grown-up, she said that if regular Oreos are like pancakes, then Oreo Thins would be like crepes.

Despite having fewer calories per serving, Mondelez says the new cookies aren't meant to be a diet snack. Still, the "Thins" name could be a stealth way to appeal to people who want to watch their weight, without the stigma of being seen as a diet food.

Although the original Oreos started in the U.S. in 1912, Americans won't be the first to taste the Thins. The slimmer cookies were rolled out last year in China to address the company's tumbling cookie sales in the country.

Lukin said the slimmer cookies helped win back "lapsed users" in China, or younger women who want-

ed something that wasn't quite as rich. In the first eight months, she said Oreo Thins generated \$40 million in sales.

During a conference call in April, Mondelez CEO Irene Rosenfeld had noted the success of the Thins in China and said the company would make them available "around the world."

The Thins could help the company's North American cookie business, which declined in the first three months of this year. Mondelez said the Thins will be available starting July 13, and that they'll cost the same as regular Oreos.

Lukin noted that it took months for the company to perfect manufacturing for the Thins. Early on, she said 60 percent of the cookies were breaking, but that the rate eventually came down to 3 percent.

140 pairs of underwear stolen from store hit by 4 bra heists

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — First they took the bras. Now they've come back for the panties.

Police say 140 pairs of underwear have been stolen from a northeast Pennsylvania store that's been struck by four bra heists since February.

Police say the manager of the Victoria's Secret store reported the Thursday afternoon theft but couldn't provide a description of the suspect or surveillance video.

The underpants are valued at \$2,180.

Thieves have already stolen more than 150 bras from the store at the Wyoming Valley Mall in Wilkes-Barre Township, striking twice in February and once in March and April.

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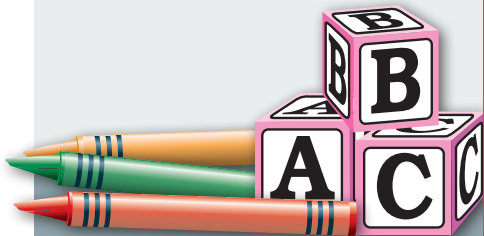


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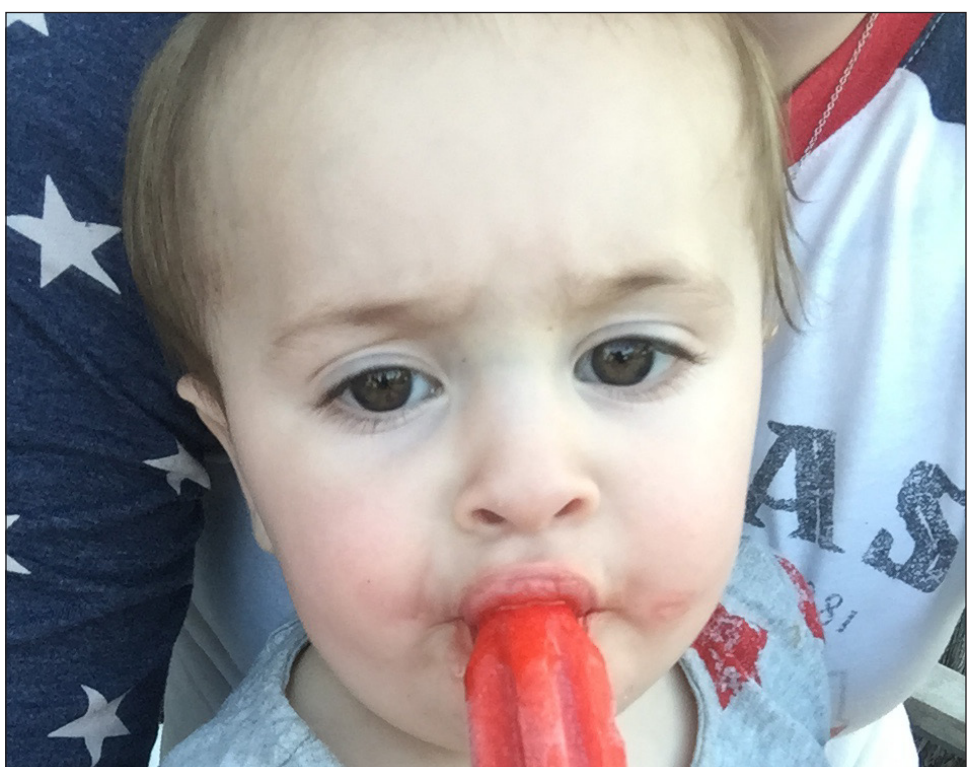
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South Dakota man, 101, competes in National Senior Games

HIGHMORE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota centenarian taking part in this year's National Senior Games is playing to win. KSFY-TV (http://bit.ly/1H9RTWL) reports that John Zilverberg of Highmore is the oldest athlete in the competition that's being held through July 15 in the Minneapolis area. The South Dakota Senior Games association says Zilverberg will be 102 next month.

The retired rancher is competing in discus, shot put, javelin and softball throw events in the 100-plus age group. Zilverberg says he always tries to bring home gold medals. Zilverberg says he took part in his first Senior Games in 1985. He says he can't do any running and jumping events because one of his legs gave out, but he exercises to keep his arms in shape.

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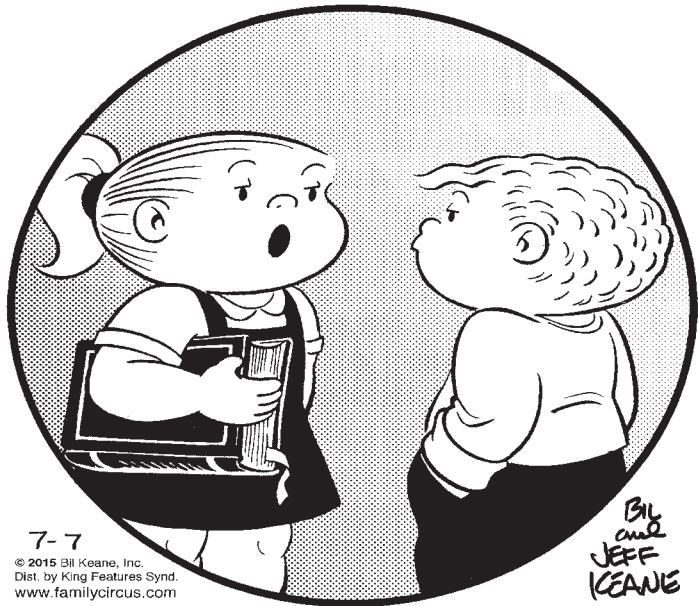
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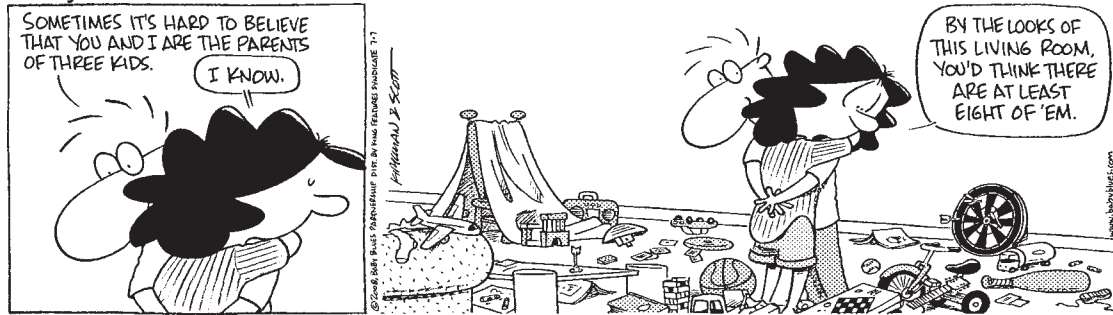
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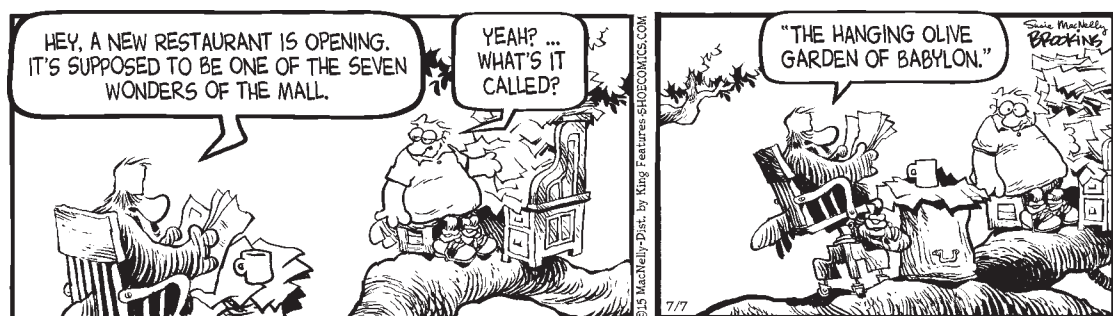
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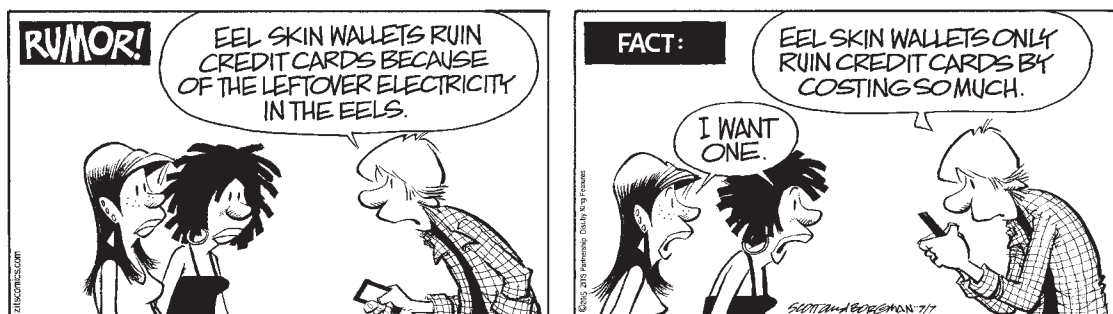
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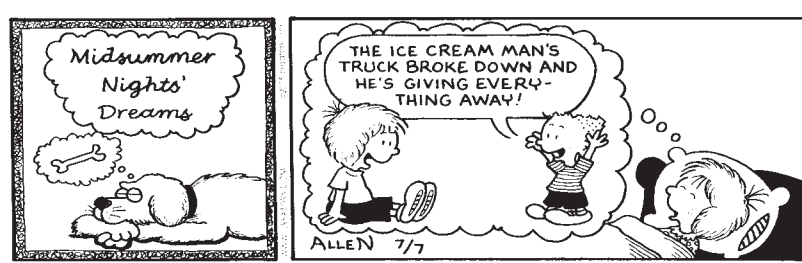
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Zits



Nest Heads



DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 8, 2015:

This year you feel a strong drive to head in a certain direction in order to achieve your goals. With all the energy you naturally stir up, you probably will take on a community commitment. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone in a most unexpected way. You will note a case of the butterflies when you are around this person. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from taking on a new hobby or project together. You tend to isolate yourselves, even when in groups, because you like sharing so much time with each other. ARIES often intimidates or exhausts you!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You might feel pressured at home or at work. You will be eyeing a potential change. If you feel uncomfortable, look within for a response. You also might decide to say less but connect more often with a family member who seems to need you. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Don't push so hard to have your way. You know what you are doing, but those around you might be hesitant. Be careful not to displace your anger. You might be taken aback by everything that is happening around you. Slow down the pace. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might need to relax some and not worry so much about someone else's reaction. You could be tired and worn out by a situation that you cannot change. Stay on top of your priorities. Honor a friend's request. A meeting could be very important. Tonight: Friends equal fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You might want to try a different way of handling a pressured situation. You will need to keep communication open, but you also could be becoming less willing to find a solution. Ask yourself what would work best. Be willing to walk away, if need be. Tonight: Up late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Some of you might not be aware of how much you are suppressing anger. It would be best to detach for now. Communication needs to be authentic to make the difference you want. Cut through confusion with what you know is true. Tonight: Do something totally dif-

ferent.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Have one-and-one conversations. A friend who seems to be on the warpath might surprise you by forcing you to take another look at your relationship. Tap into your imagination and try to see a situation differently. A loved one is likely to shock you. Tonight: Among the crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others in order to get a different perspective. Remain confident, even if events prove to be full of surprises or someone does the unexpected. Refuse to allow yourself to be irritated by everything that happens. Tonight: Defer, defer, defer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Get into a project, and you might be able to avoid a problem with an associate who is on the warpath. Honor a change of direction, and know what you need and want. Be more direct, and make fewer assertions about the other party. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be deciding to venture out in a new direction. Others like to share their ideas with you because you take and integrate them well. One-on-one relating has many surprises, as you will discover. Maintain your sense of humor. Tonight: Allow your imagination to decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Deal with a property matter that is likely to surprise you in some way. Others share an interest in what you are doing. Try to avoid stirring the pot. A friend might not be as supportive as you would like him or her to be. Understand what is going on. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Ask rather than sit on a question too long. You might wonder what would be the best way to handle a problem that arises from out of the blue. You can discuss it forever, but you will need to take action to resolve the problem. Do not overthink. Tonight: Catch up on news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You'll move into a new realm of thinking. How you handle a personal matter could change as a result. You will be more willing to express what others view as being a very wild idea. Allow your imagination to flow. Avoid taking any financial risks. Tonight: Make it your treat.

Dustin



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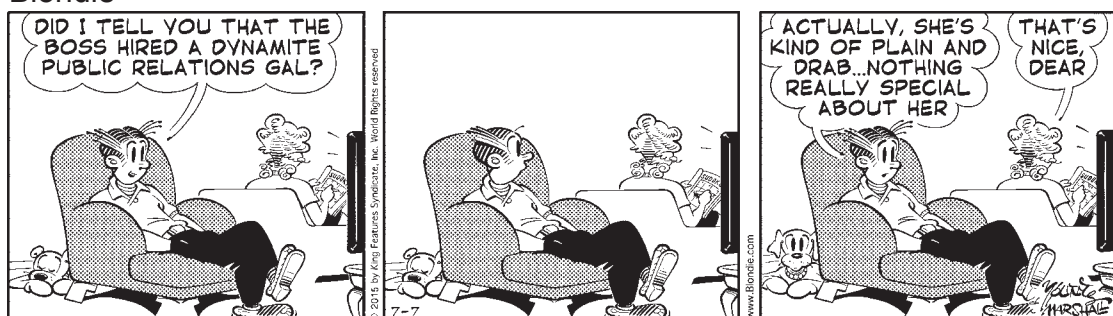
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US stocks fall after Greek 'no' vote; European markets sink

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks in the U.S. fell in afternoon trading Monday following sharper drops in Europe and Asia as Greeks overwhelmingly voted to reject terms of the country's latest bailout package.

U.S. government bond prices rose as investors sought safe places to park money. Oil drillers and other energy companies fell as the price of oil dropped 6 percent.

The market declines were not as bad as many had feared, something analysts are crediting to the resignation of the Greek finance minister, which might help bailout talks resume. The International Monetary Fund said on Monday that it will help the country if asked.

In Sunday's referendum on creditor proposals, 61 percent of Greeks voted "no," a much higher proportion than anticipated. Many in the markets fear that the decision has pushed Greece one step closer to leaving the euro. Greece's banks may soon run out of money and the country could be forced to issue its own currency.

A so-called "Grexit" from the euro is considered one of the biggest risks facing the global economy.

The Dow Jones in-

dustrial average fell 88 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,641 as of 1:34 p.m. Eastern time. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gave up 11 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,065. The Nasdaq composite fell 27 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,982.

The U.S. market is coming off its sharpest weekly decline in three months.

In Europe, Germany's DAX fell 1.5 percent while the CAC-40 in France fell 2 percent. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 0.8 percent lower.

Sung Won Sohn, an economist at California State University, said that he expects a Greek exit to push up the value of the dollar as investors scramble for safety, making U.S. exports more expensive. He also thinks the European economy will slow. "Our economic growth will be slower, and in Europe, whose economy is the most important for the U.S., growth will slow," he said.

But others are more optimistic.

Russ Koesterich, chief strategist at giant money manager BlackRock, wrote in note to clients that he doesn't think the Greece crisis poses a "longer-term" threat to the global economy or

financial markets. Oil prices took a big hit. The benchmark U.S. contract tumbled \$3.64 to \$53.30 a barrel in New York.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.31 percent from 2.39 percent late Thursday. U.S. markets were close Friday for Independence Day.

With Greek banks still shuttered and the European Central Bank under pressure to stop its emergency liquidity measures, Greece may not have long to secure a deal with creditors. A meeting of the eurozone's 19 leaders has been called for Tuesday.

Some hopes for progress in the talks grew Monday after Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis quit. His replacement may help unblock discussions with peers in the eurozone. Finance ministers also meet on Tuesday.

Over months of negotiations, Varoufakis' relations with his peers in the eurozone had deteriorated significantly.

"The fact that Varoufakis has resigned hints that the Greek government may at least be offering an olive branch given his reputation for using aggressive terms such as 'water-boarding'

to describe the creditors' actions," said Jane Foley, a senior currency analyst at Rabobank International.

The euro fell 0.4 percent to \$1.1084. The dollar slipped 0.1 percent to 122.44 Japanese yen.

The eurozone has taken steps after years of trouble with Greece to limit damage from a default and euro exit. Banks in Europe no longer hold many Greek government bonds and the European Central Bank has pledged to pump liquidity into its financial system should fear spread through Europe.

Still, investors are on edge.

When the Greek government announced June 29 plans to hold a referendum and the closure of the country's banks, markets plunged around the world. In the U.S., the S&P 500 fell 2.1 percent, its biggest drop since the start of the year.

On Monday, investors braced for a repeat as Asian markets opened sharply lower. By the end of their trading days, Japan's Nikkei 225 and South Korea's Kospi each dropped more than 2 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng sank 3.2 percent.

But China bucked the

trend. China's benchmark index, the Shanghai Composite climbed 2.4 percent after regulators and the securities industry intervened to prop up prices that had been falling in recent weeks.

Among U.S. stocks making big moves, Aetna sank \$9.30 to \$116.28, a 7 percent loss. That was the biggest slide in the S&P 500. The company agreed last week to buy rival health insurer

Humana for \$35 billion. Humana rose \$4.74, or 2.6 percent, \$192.24

In economic news, U.S. service firms grew at a slightly faster pace in June, as business activity and new orders increased.

The Institute for Supply Management said its services index edged up to 56 in June from 55.7 in May. Any reading over 50 indicates that services firms are expanding.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Blake," recently broke up with me — again. He told me in the beginning that he was bi-curious, and that he wasn't sure he was completely heterosexual. When he broke up with me the first time, we stayed friends. Everyone seemed confused that I still wanted to hang out with him.

We started communicating long-distance again last summer. Blake broke it off again a few months later, stating that he is still questioning who he is.

Is it wrong that we're still friendly? Should I be angrier at Blake? — STILL THERE FOR HIM IN ILLINOIS

DEAR STILL THERE FOR HIM: I don't see why you should be angry with Blake at all. He has been honest with you from the start that he may be bisexual or gay. I can tell you from experience that gay men make wonderful friends. However, if you are ROMANTIC about him, I must caution you against trying to change him because you won't be able to do it. He is who he is.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like your opinion on something that is creating a rift between me and my sister. My 6-year-old daughter, "Mara," who is very sweet and mature, is used to spending the night away from me because she has been spending weekends with her grandparents since she was little. Now she wants to have overnights with "Uncle Bob," who is not a blood relative but a good friend who is like family.

I have no concerns about this even though Bob is a bachelor who never had children. Mara

loves him, he loves her, and I trust him. My sister, who is childless, feels strongly that this is not right. She thinks a 6-year-old should only be with her parents and grandparents. She tells me I should ask a psychologist. I am asking you. — TRUSTING MOM IN MISSOURI

DEAR TRUSTING MOM: I'd be curious to know what Mara's father thinks of this. But since you asked me, let me point out that your little girl may be sweet and mature for her age, but at 6 years old she is also inexperienced, trusting and vulnerable. Because she loves Uncle Bob, I can understand why she might want to stay overnight at his house. In 99 percent of the cases it would be OK. But in light of what we see in the news, it's your job as a mother to err on the side of caution, and I don't recommend it.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter and her hus-

band have successful careers, and I am happy for that. But now it seems that she's ashamed of us. We gave her the best we could and she graduated from college with no debt, thanks to us. We felt it was our responsibility.

Now that they earn lots of money, it's like we're not worthy of their company. I have talked to other mothers, and it seems they are treated the same way. (I would say it's probably seven out of nine parents.) I know they have busy lives, but I would like some consideration if I am sick or have surgery. Where did I go wrong? — ANONYMOUS MOM IN ALABAMA

DEAR ANONYMOUS MOM: Not knowing you and your friends or their children, it's hard to say, but if I had to hazard a guess it would be that you gave too much and raised children who grew up with an overinflated sense of entitlement and no sense of gratitude.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Hard-hit Gaza neighborhood still trying to recover from war

SHIJAIYAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — After weeks of sharing cramped quarters with relatives during last year's war between Hamas and Israel, 39-year-old Mohammed al-Selek thought nothing of it when he heard the incoming roar of two mortar shells. But once a suffocating cloud of acrid smoke filled the stairwell, his heart sank — the family's home had been struck by Israeli fire.

Moments before, he had been enjoying a rare break, relaxing with a cup of tea and cookies as he marked the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The house was filled with his children, nieces and nephews, and al-Selek's father had taken the restless kids to play up on the rooftop, where the family kept rabbits and chickens.

After the explosion, al-Selek and his wife ran up the five flights of stairs to the roof and found a sight he still struggles to comprehend.

"We found an unbelievable scene — my children along with my father lying on the ground," said al-Selek, recounting the horror to an Associated Press crew that revisited the neighborhood recently.

Caught in a living nightmare, he saw the bloodied, mangled bodies of all three of his children, his 71-year-old father, Abdul-Kareem, and six other relatives lying next to the chicken coup and rabbit cages. Feathers and fur from the animals the children had begged their grandfather to see shortly before were strewn everywhere.

Al-Selek's life changed forever that July 30.

The Israeli strike on his home in Gaza's Shijaiyah neighborhood, just along the border with Israel, came at the height of the fighting and was one of the deadliest single incidents during the entire conflict. Two AP reporters arrived in Shijaiyah after the final barrage of mortar strikes subsided, leaving a scene of carnage and bloodshed.

During the 50 days of war, which started July 8, more than 2,200 Palestinians, including more than 1,400 civilians, were killed, according to U.N. figures. Seventy-three people, including six civilians, were killed on the Israeli side.

Because of the heavy casualty toll, Israel's Military Advocate General launched an investigation into the Shijaiyah incident.

The report found that Israeli forces had come under mortar fire from Palestinian militants in the

area. Without air surveillance available, they responded to the source of fire, launching a total of 15 mortar shells over an 18-minute period, according to the report. The probe cleared the military personnel of any wrongdoing, finding no evidence of criminal misconduct.

Amid the chaos on that Shijaiyah rooftop, al-Selek said he first found his 5-year-old son, Abdul-Haleem, still breathing among what he described as "piles of flesh with open skulls." He rushed Abdul-Haleem downstairs and outside to an ambulance, then he ran back to the roof and repeated the grim task, carrying the lifeless body of his youngest son, Abdul-Aziz. Grief overcame him when he saw the remains of his 8-year-old daughter, Omeneya, but he could not carry her down.

As he stepped out of the ambulance for a second time to get back to the roof, a white flash signaled a new barrage of shelling. He was knocked down and the explosion severed his right leg below the knee. He thought he would die and he professed his faith before he cried out for help.

By the time the shelling stopped, at least 30 people were dead, including 10 members of al-Selek's extended family — eight of them children.

There is strong evidence Hamas had used residential areas like Shijaiyah for cover throughout the fighting, and AP reporters witnessed rockets flying out of populated neighborhoods at times. The Israeli army says six militants were among those killed in that airstrike, a claim denied by local residents.

"This is one of the most horrible crimes in Gaza," said Mohammed Al-Alami, a lawyer at the independent Gaza-based Palestinian Center for Human Rights.

In a recent report on the war, the U.N. Human Rights Council accused both Israel and Hamas of possible war crimes, claiming attacks by both sides had endangered civilians.

Nearly a year later, the people of Shijaiyah, one of Gaza's most densely populated and impoverished neighborhoods, are still trying to pick up the pieces of their lives, especially in hard-hit areas near the Israeli border.

Families like the al-Seleks had thought they would be spared from the fighting — and even

sheltered relatives from across Gaza because their block's narrow alleyways were far from the front lines.

"Nobody ever thought this neighborhood would be hit and I just don't know how it happened," said Bilal Hmaid, who lost his 55-year-old father, Rajab, in the Shijaiyah shelling.

Bilal, 22, chokes up, remembering that day. Once his father heard the shells hit, he rushed out to help his neighbors, only to be wounded himself by another incoming shell, minutes later.

Gasping for air, Rajab lay among other victims, waiting for help. An AP reporter tied a tourniquet around his leg as water from a rooftop tank pierced by shrapnel pooled around them.

The smell of rust filled the air as blood mixed with petrol and dirt. The wounded cried out for help. Medics with stretchers struggled to navigate the uneven pavement, carrying out triage, selecting those who still had a chance and leaving those who were beyond help.

Rajab was taken to a hospital where he survived for five more days before he died of his wounds.

"People were coming to stay here, saying this is a safe neighborhood," Bilal said. "But for months after the strike, the spirit of the community was gone."

At the al-Selek home, the rabbit cages have since been replaced on the roof but the shrapnel marks on the walls have yet to be covered. A poster with the faces of the 10 al-Selek's family members who died welcomes visitors into the narrow street.

Al-Selek is still struggling to start a new life. For the first six months, he barely slept. He sold his other apartment in Gaza City and moved into his father's bedroom in the Shijaiyah family home.

His once solid frame is now sapped, his muscles atrophied after months in hospital. The new prosthetic leg he was given is too heavy for him, he says, preferring to make his way to and from work in his brother's computer shop on his squeaky crutches.

He seems resigned to his fate.

"It was the darkest day of our life," said al-Selek. "But life goes on. This is the fate of God. Life will not stop despite the loss of my leg and my children."



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