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WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

116 readers have commented on "Scaling down: State's adults obese; children a silver lining."

Nim: "When I moved here from Colorado, I was amazed at how many people are truly obese. Too many good hamburgers and soda pop, and not enough sidewalks."

OPEN YOUR EYES TULSA: "Since they are taxing the heck out of cigarettes they might as well put a high tax on soda and junk food because they are just as bad."

FROM THE BLOGS

Know the score: So, it's more than two months before the NFL regular season starts, but that doesn't mean it's too early to be thinking about your team (or obsessing if you're like a lot of fantasy players). I'll be doling out some tips, along with my esteemed colleagues here, over the next few weeks.

To start things off, I figure I'll keep things simple, but this is one a lot of people overlook: Know your league's scoring system.

A lot of people go into the draft thinking that after scouring magazines and online cheat sheets, they know who they want and when they want them. I have. Problem is, if your rankings are based on false assumptions (such as how many points a passing touchdown is worth), then your rankings are worthless.

— *Assistant Sports Editor James Royal from "Fantasy World," the new blog dedicated to fantasy football*

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» **WAY BACK WHEN** Today in history

07.06

BY GENE CURTIS

1944

Fire engulfed the big top of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn., killing 169 of the 6,000 attending the show. Clown Bobby Kellogg of Tulsa escaped the flames. The cause of the fire was not determined.

1944

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons that 2,725 had been killed and about 8,000 civilians had been injured in the three weeks since Germany began launching unguided jet-powered "flying bombs" against Britain. Churchill warned that Germany was working on giant flying bombs that might hit London in the future.

1957

Tennis player Althea Gibson became the first African-American to win the Wimbledon championship. She won the U.S. Open later that year and in 1958, when she became the first black woman chosen as the female athlete of the year by The Associated Press. Gibson died Sept. 28, 2003, at age 76.



Althea Gibson

2005

New York Times reporter Judith Miller was jailed for refusing to divulge the name of a confidential source to a grand jury investigating the Bush administration's leak of a former undercover CIA operative's name. Another reporter, Matthew Cooper of Time magazine, agreed to talk and avoided jail. Cooper cooperated with prosecutors after disclosing that his source had given him permission to do so hours earlier.

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A pit bull growls in an Animal Control truck after being picked up by Animal Control officer. MIKE SIMONS/Tulsa World

Dog bites can be prevented

4.5 million people are bitten each year

BY PHIL MULKINS
World Staff Writer

Summer weather is encouraging everyone to go outdoors. There we encounter tennis, water sports and sometimes biting dogs. At least 4.5 million people are bitten by dogs each year, says the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Most dog bites are not fatal, but at least one in five requires medical attention, including a trip to the emergency room. The organization urges parents to help prevent dog bites before they happen. Here are some tips:

No running: Talk to your kids about dogs and proper behavior around dogs to ensure they understand the threat of dog bite, but also the need to remain motionless when a dog approaches. They should avoid unfamiliar dogs or dogs acting oddly or aggressively, but should also understand that normal family pets are just curious about human visitors to "their domain" and all they want is to sniff that person for future reference.

No surprises: Avoid making direct eye contact with an unfamiliar dog and remain motionless when one approaches. Never run from a dog (you won't get far) or scream, startle one on purpose or make loud noises at one. Don't disturb sleeping or eating dogs or mother dogs caring for puppies. Never torment a dog through a fence or throw anything at a fenced dog or

chained — fences can be jumped, chains can be broken.

Protect the face: If knocked down by a dog, the child should be taught to assume the fetal position and lie facedown and still, covering the sides of the head with the arms.

Bitten: Tell children that if they are bitten they should look at the dog to see what color or colors it is, its breed, its size, type and color of collar, presence of tags, etc. The bite victim should immediately inform parents or a teacher, and immediate medical attention should be provided. Puncture wounds are serious and should be treated by an emergency room doctor. Dial 911 for serious attacks resulting in bleeding wounds, or the Tulsa Animal Shelter at 669-6280, weekdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. After hours or on weekends, call the police non-emergency number (596-9222) and regular officers will be dispatched.

Capture the beast: The Web site DogBiteLaw.com (tulsaworld.com/DogBiteLaw), operated by Beverly Hills, Calif., attorney Kenneth Phillips, says, "It is important to identify the animal that bit you, because if it is a stray and you can't find it, you'll have to seek treatment for rabies, which can be painful."

Confine it: If safely possible, confine the animal first and then call the appropriate number. Indicate where the animal is, with an address if available. An animal welfare officer will be dispatched.

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MORE COLOR, LESS WATER: Keep your garden growing with these recession-proof tips. **D3**

NEWS

UP IN SMOKE: The River Parks Authority will seek a refund after an accident abruptly ended the fireworks show, an official says. **A4**

FATAL CRASH: Two mono-rail trains crash Sunday at Walt Disney World, killing an operator. **A6**

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MOVING ON: Senior columnist John Klein says that after 73 years in the Cotton Bowl stadium, bowl game officials knew it was time to go. **B1**

COST OF FUN: A family of four can expect to spend about \$75 for a night of minor league baseball. **B1**

SCENE

HEY, KOOL-AID!: Want a new way to use that colorful summer treat? Think snow-cone syrup. **D1**

GONE TO THE DOGS: "Finding Susie" is a new children's book by former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. **D3**

TREAT YOUR BEST FRIEND: Pamper your pooch with toys from a variety of noteworthy lines. **D3**

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» **CALENDAR** Four-day outlook

Ontap

MONDAY

Demi and David at the BOK

Disney Channel star Demi Lovato, a former touring partner with the Jonas Brothers, and "American Idol" 2008 runner-up David Archuleta are at the BOK Center. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. Some tickets are available for \$14.99. For information, see tulsaworld.com/tickets or tulsaworld.com/bok.

TUESDAY

A party at Cain's with Wanda Jackson

Oklahoman and newly inducted Hall of Famer Wanda Jackson plays at Cain's Ballroom in a benefit for the Woody Guthrie Coalition with guests Ronny Elliott and Nancy Apple and the Oklahoma Geniuses. Doors open at 7 p.m., with music scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. For tickets or information, see tulsaworld.com/gettix or call (866) 977-6849, or see tulsaworld.com/cains.

WEDNESDAY

Guthrie Folk Festival



Jimmy LaFave performs at the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival. Tulsa World file

A festival to celebrate the life and legacy of famous folk singer and writer Woody Guthrie begins Wednesday in Okemah's main street. Admission is free and camping is available. Headliners include Jimmy LaFave, Sam Baker, Jon Vezner, Audrey Auld and more. Check out the Tulsa World's festivals page for more information on WoodyFest or any other Tulsa-area festival. tulsaworld.com/festivals.

THURSDAY

The multitalented

Jamie Foxx at the BOK

Oscar winner Jamie Foxx is bringing his hip-hop act to the BOK Center. Doors open at 7 p.m., with music scheduled to start at 8 p.m. His hit, "Blame It," was No. 1 on the R&B charts this year. For more information, see tulsaworld.com/bok.

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