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Fire on the mountain

15,000 acres scorched in Monday blaze

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A pair of wildfires destroyed more than 15,000 acres of land and at least two homes Monday, as firefighters prepare for even more devastation today.

The first fire was reported early Monday afternoon near Cauble Road in the southwest portion of the county, according to Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"The Cauble Road fire destroyed about 400 acres," Sullivan said. "We were really lucky with that one because we were able to stop it right at the roadway. If it had jumped across, we would be talking about a lot more acres of land than we are now."

Sullivan said the Cauble Road fire was caused by a electrical power line failure which sparked off fires which were driven east through the dangerously draw brush land west of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Before firefighters could get the fire fully contained, however, Sullivan said the second fire — identified as the Boykin Road fire, which is where it is believed to have started — forced him to split his forces.

"We had to work both fires at the same time for a period," Sullivan said. "The Boykin Road fire was also caused by an electrical power line failure."

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A wall of flame advances on South Mountain in the top photo. The fire, which burned an estimated 15,000 acres, raged into the early morning hours, as shown at left. Firefighters continued to battle the blaze today.

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 Steve Reagan
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Friendly rivals run for Dunn, disabled veterans

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

It's a competition between Army and Marines — well, sort of.

Odis Franklin, former Army Sergeant, and Bill Markunas, former Marine Sergeant, will be taking part in the Ironman 70.3 competition in Lubbock June 26.

"We have a little joke going, it's to see who's better, the Army or the Marines," Franklin said jokingly.

There will be more than 2,000 competitors at the triathlon, ranging from professionals to first-time triathletes. Men and women will be competing and will be flighted according to age classifica-

tion and gender.

"He will be starting about 10 minutes after I will and hopefully that will put me out of the water about the same time as him and give me a chance," Franklin said.

Franklin and Markunas have been training together,

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Odis Franklin, left, and Bill Markunas

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Huntsman gets into White House race

BETH FOUHY
 Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — Former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman joined the Republican presidential contest today, pledging to run a civil campaign and claiming that he and President Barack Obama both love the United States but have different visions of its future.

Huntsman, who until this spring was Obama's ambassador to China, entered the fight for the GOP nomi-

nation to take on Obama in 2012 at the same venue President Ronald Reagan formally began his general election campaign in 1980. Huntsman, an aide to Reagan who served in two other Republican administrations, had been expected to join the contest for months.



Huntsman

"This is the hour when we choose our future. I'm Jon Huntsman and I'm running for president of the United States," the silver-haired Huntsman said, with the State of Liberty over his shoulder as a backdrop for a made-for-TV announcement.

Huntsman called the America economy "totally unacceptable" and took a gentle swipe at Obama's 2008 campaign themes of hope and

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Obituaries

Tony Starr



Tony Starr, 71, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 19, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services with military honors will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Courtney Ballard officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 17, 1939, in Big Spring to Geneva and Henry G. Starr Sr. He grew up in Big Spring and Forsan. He was a veteran of the Army. He graduated from LVN school at Howard College. He worked as an LVN in Garland and at the Veterans Administration Medical Center of Big Spring. He was an avid and well-known musician. Music was his life and passion. He recorded "Little Rome," now in the Rock-A-Billy Hall of Fame. He had played with Ronnie Burks, Weldon Myrick, Lefty Morris and was a backup for Jerry Lee Lewis. He was a member of Cowboy Church.

He is survived by two daughters: Tonya Starr of Dallas and Kelly Starr of Arlington; two sisters: Sharon Sneed and her husband Larry of Big Spring and Debbie Denning of Austin; four grandchildren: Christopher Frost Starr and Chelsie Dawn Starr both of Dallas, Caleb Aaron Patterson and Chloe Starr Patterson both of Arlington; two great-grandchildren: Alyssia Starr and Bryson Starr of Dallas; lifetime friends and mothers of his children: Patricia Johnson Starr of Dallas and Charlene Starr of Midwest City, Okla.; one uncle: Wendell Moore and his wife Dee Dee of Dallas; one aunt: Jewell Starr of Claremore, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Starr and one sister, Etta Ruth Greer.

Pallbearers will be Kirby Brown, Chuck Denning, Kevin McClendon, Christopher Saint Booth, Hunter Morriss and Dakota Cahill. Honorary pallbearers will be Caleb Patterson, Christopher Starr and Ronnie Burks.

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

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Charles (Charlie) Neill

Charles (Charlie) Neill, 80, of Coahoma died Sunday, June 19, 2011 at his daughter's residence in Carlsbad, N.M. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Walter McCall officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Charles was born Sept. 4, 1930, in Big Spring to Ruby and Clifton Neill. He was a veteran of the Army, serving in the Korean War. He farmed most of his life in Howard County and had also worked in the oilfield. He was a lifetime resident of Coahoma and a Baptist.

He is survived by two daughters: Lee Ann Rye and her husband Ray of Carlsbad, N.M., and Carla Stroud of Kennedale; five grandchildren: Shawn Rye of Lubbock, Richard Rye of El Paso, Jimmy Rye and Sharon Rankin, both of Carlsbad, N.M., and Charles Stroud of Amarillo; and six great-grandchildren: Laken Rye, Sophia Rye, Jovi Rye, Hunter Rankin, Melini Stroud and Marissa Stroud.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jim Neill.

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Correction

In a Monday article on the Funtastic Fourth Festival, the Herald inadvertently omitted Allan Johnson's name from a list of individuals and groups who will be performing during the July 2 event in downtown Big Spring.

Freddie Graham

Freddie Graham, 71, of Tarzan died Monday, June 20, 2011, at his residence. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services with military honors will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Derrick Looney and Leandro Gonzales officiating.

He was born July 11, 1939, in Knott to Bessie Lee and Virgil Graham. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He married Judy Hammon on March 3, 1960. He was a retired farmer, having lived most of his life in Howard and Martin counties. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Graham of Tarzan; one son: Randy Graham and his wife Beverly of Midland; one daughter: Jody Rhoton and her husband Brent of Sherman; five grandchildren; two great-grandsons; four sisters: Virgie Burchell and her husband Mudd of Big Spring, Margie Kirkham and her husband Dean of San Angelo, Joyce King of Blytheville, Ark., and Brenda Riddle and her husband Gary of San Angelo; one sister-in-law Jean Slate and her husband Edward of Big Spring; one brother-in-law, John Hull and his wife Laura of Frisco; and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Police blotter

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

- KEITH ALLEN MYRICK, 23, of 1610 N. Midway Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid/suspended with a previous conviction.
- PETER MANUEL CANDELARIA, 23, of 1217 W. Third St., was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- KRISTAL EVE YANEZ, 22, of 1408 Oriole, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- NATALIE NICOLE GOOD, 29, of 712 S. Goliad, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
- JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR., 31, of 1509 W. Stadium, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication, speeding and failure to appear.
- SAMMY FERRELL, 49, of 509 N. Johnson, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- THEFT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

Sheriff

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

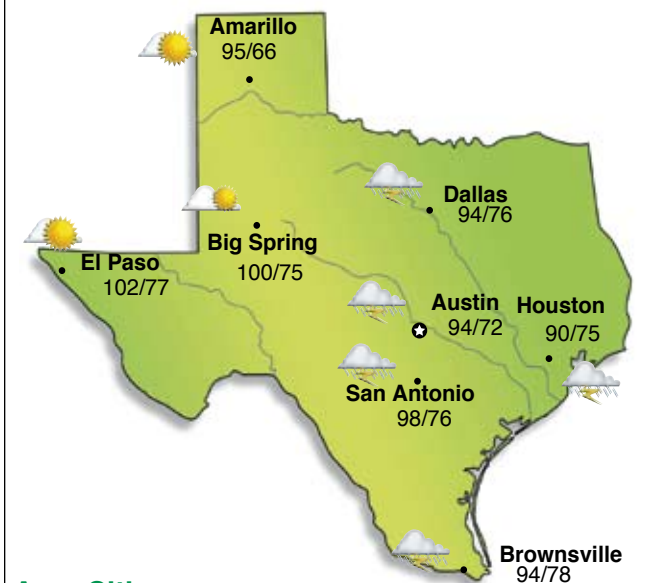
- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- KATIE RICHTERS, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft of property – more than \$1,500, less than \$20,000.
 - NATALIE NICOLE GOOD ROBLES, 29, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and driving while license invalid.
 - RUBEN CASTANEDA LOPEZ, 27, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a Midland County warrant.
 - SAMMY FERRELL, 49, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
 - JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR., 31, was transferred to the county jail by the BSPD Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
 - TODD JUSTIN SEBER, 24, was arrested by the HCSO Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 6/22	Thu 6/23	Fri 6/24	Sat 6/25	Sun 6/26
100/75 Sunshine and clouds mixed. Hot. High around 100F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	103/75 More sun than clouds. Highs 101 to 105F and lows in the mid 70s.	105/76 More sun than clouds. Highs 103 to 107F and lows in the mid 70s.	107/77 Mainly sunny and windy. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the upper 70s.	107/77 Mainly sunny. Highs 105 to 109F and lows in the upper 70s.
Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:40 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM	Sunrise: 6:41 AM Sunset: 8:56 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	96	74	t-storm	Kingsville	95	75	t-storm
Amarillo	95	66	mst sunny	Livingston	92	71	t-storm
Austin	94	72	t-storm	Longview	93	73	t-storm
Beaumont	88	74	t-storm	Lubbock	97	72	mst sunny
Brownsville	94	78	t-storm	Lufkin	93	73	t-storm
Brownwood	97	73	t-storm	Midland	99	76	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	92	76	t-storm	Raymondville	96	75	t-storm
Corsicana	93	73	t-storm	Rosenberg	90	74	t-storm
Dallas	94	76	t-storm	San Antonio	98	76	t-storm
Del Rio	97	78	t-storm	San Marcos	95	73	t-storm
El Paso	102	77	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	74	t-storm
Fort Stockton	98	74	pt sunny	Sweetwater	97	73	pt sunny
Gainesville	92	73	pt sunny	Tyler	93	72	t-storm
Greenville	92	72	t-storm	Weatherford	93	73	t-storm
Houston	90	75	t-storm	Wichita Falls	99	75	mst sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	87	69	t-storm	Minneapolis	67	57	rain
Boston	74	61	rain	New York	81	70	t-storm
Chicago	76	62	t-storm	Phoenix	109	80	sunny
Dallas	94	76	t-storm	San Francisco	74	55	sunny
Denver	83	55	sunny	Seattle	67	51	pt sunny
Houston	90	75	t-storm	St. Louis	77	65	t-storm
Los Angeles	81	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	91	74	t-storm
Miami	91	79	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 6/22	Thu 6/23	Fri 6/24	Sat 6/25	Sun 6/26
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change, saying the country needs "leadership that knows we need more than hope, leadership that knows we need answers."

Huntsman said he respects Obama but added that he and the president have "a difference of opinion on how to help the country we both love."

"But the question each of us wants the voters to answer is, 'Who will be the better president, not who's the better American,'"

Huntsman had been flirting with a presidential run for months, and in interviews recently he has criticized U.S. foreign policy, saying the country is overcommitted to world trouble spots.

He has also sought to stress his background

"We will not be the first American generation that lets down the next generation."

Utah Gov.
Jon Huntsman

as a businessman and has said jobs would be a top priority.

"We will not be the first American generation that lets down the next generation," he

said, his seven children standing nearby.

"What we need now is leadership that trusts in our strength. Leadership that doesn't promise Washington has

all the solutions to our problems, but rather looks to local solutions in our cities, towns and states."

In a speech with nods to conservatives who hold great sway in the nominating process and independents who are frustrated with partisanship, Huntsman pledged civility.

"Our political debates today are corrosive," Huntsman decried.

"We will conduct this

campaign on the high road. I don't think you need to run down someone's reputation to run for president."

That's not to say he would shy from differences with his better-known Republican rivals or the incumbent president he hopes to send home to Chicago in early 2013.

"Of course, we'll have our disagreements," he said. "That's what campaigns are all about."

RUN

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which provided for some friendly competition. This will be the second triathlon of this length for both and each is using their own motivation to get through it.

"I am hoping to be able to finish the race," Markunas said with a grin. "Really, though I am competing for Hope for Hailey and to get closer to God; that's it. Veterans give us the freedom to do this."

Markunas is a Big Spring resident, but has been part of the search team that continues to search for Hailey Dunn, a Colorado City teenager who has been missing since late December. In taking part in this race, he not only focuses on the competition, but hopes to bring awareness to the search for Dunn continues.

"Those who are searching still have hope and that's what I hope to get across through this race — there is always hope, whether it be hope to finish the race or hope for Hailey," Markunas said.

Franklin will once

again be competing for disabled veterans, as he did in the recent Ride 2 Recovery last month.

"I am doing this for all the veterans coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan. It's to show appreciation and honor for all the sacrifices they have made to keep us free," Franklin said.

Of course, he is hoping this ride goes better than his Ride 2 Recovery experience. According to Franklin, the first night of the race, someone broke into his vehicle and stole bicycles belonging to him and his wife.

"Thankfully, the people with Ride 2 Recovery helped me out with a bike to finish the race," Franklin said.

Any race will have its issues and most of the time they can be prepared for. The Iron Man race is expected to be a strenuous course involving hills, wind and extreme heat. In order to compensate for the added strain on the body during the race, Franklin and Markunas have been training numerous times throughout the week. Their training includes group rides, long weekend bike rides

and swimming a couple times a week in Moss Lake.

"If one doesn't train for this they could get hurt," Markunas said. "This race is going to be hard and it's going to be even harder because of the heat. People who aren't used to the heat, and haven't prepared for it, will be in trouble during the race."

Franklin took part in last year's Ironman and remembers 95 degree temperatures. This year, the course is expected to have temperatures between 105 to 110 degrees.

"The conditions are going to be hard, but I just think about those coming back with their injuries," Franklin said. "I just tell myself if they can be out there doing what they are doing then I can get through this race. It is part of what gives me hope and the strength to keep going in the race."

Markunas agrees that despite the trying aspects of the race, it's all about finding and believing in hope. He said through the race he does hope to get Hailey's face out there, but he also plans on gaining

a closeness to God.

"I figure if I can put my faith in God to get through the race, I can use that faith and transfer it to helping find justice for Hailey," Markunas said.

Franklin said, "It all comes down to remembering, none of this could not be done without God. I am hoping to be knock off two hours from last year's time."

As hard as it may be to get through this race, it's nowhere near the end of the competitions for either man. Franklin will be taking next month off, but will resume competition in August at the Wool Capital Triathlon in San Angelo, then the Triple Threat in Wichita Falls, the September Big Spring Comanche Warrior Trail and the October Longhorn 70.3 Ironman in Austin.

"These competitions aren't easy, but they aren't supposed to be," Franklin said.

Markunas will compete in the Triple Threat and the Big Spring Comanche Warrior Triathlon, as well as a few other competitions the rest of this year. On top of the competitions though, he will continu-

ing searching for Hailey on Saturdays.

"We get together and search on Saturdays, but if there is ever a day in the week when a group of five or more want to search, we will be out there and search with them," Markunas said.

Training is ongoing for these two men and they extend an invitation to any cyclists, swimmers or runners in the community. Markunas and Franklin take part in a group ride Tuesday and Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. and a group swim at Moss Lake on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

"Anyone who wants to come out and join us is more than welcome. We meet at Bureau Baptist Church on Wasson Road," Franklin said. "All they have to do is show up."

For those wanting to keep track of how Franklin and Markunas do the day of the race, results can be viewed at www.ironmanlive.com.

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Inez Garza, 81, died Friday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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FIRE

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Sullivan said the Boykin Road fire, which was still burning Tuesday morning, has already destroyed an estimated 15,000 acres, spreading from its origin north of Big Spring along the ridge of South Mountain.

"We've lost two homes to the fire, both of which were active residences," Sullivan said. "It could have been much worse, however. The Boykin Road fire has already threatened more than 50 homes, and I have to say it's the grit and hard work of these firefighters which has kept those homes from being lost, as well."

Sullivan said several injuries have resulted from battling the blazes, but all of them have been minor.

"We've had some firefighters treated for first-degree burns on their ears and noses," he said. "However, we've been really lucky not to have

any serious injuries."

While the pair of fires Monday have certainly taken a toll on the landscape, they are also taking a toll on firefighters and their equipment, Sullivan said.

"It's been about 60 hours since I've slept, and the same for many of the firefighters who are still out there working right now," a weary Sullivan said. "Our equipment is really taking a beating, as well. We've had a couple of pumps blow up on us, and we've beaten a lot of our tires to death chasing this fire on the ridge of South Mountain.

"Most of our pumps are designed to work for 20 hours then have their oil changed out. Unfortunately, with these fires popping up one right after another, there's just no way to keep to that 20-hour schedule. It's doing a lot of damage to our equipment."

Luckily for firefighters with both the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department and Big Spring Fire Department, they have had plenty of assistance from nearby cities and counties.

"We have firefighters and equipment from Midland, Odessa, Dawson County, Martin County, Glasscock, Mitchell and Greenwood," Sullivan said. "The Forest Service and their task force are also helping. We're supposed to have some air drops this morning, we're just waiting for them to get here."

While the Boykin Road fire — which has spread to the nearby mountain and several other locations — has died down some since Monday evening, Sullivan said the battle against it is far from over.

"It's still burning, and

when the wind starts picking back up this afternoon the race will be on once again," Sullivan said.

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It's about asking just the right question for the defense budget

"Can we afford the military budget?" Not quite the right question, but one being asked these days even in hawkish circles. It reflects a break in the Republicans' traditional reluctance to cut defense spending and a declining enthusiasm for changing other societies through force. The mix includes a re-emerged isolationist strain and new recognition that wars can no longer be charged on the national credit card.

The right question is, "What should our military budget be?" Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney alluded to it at the Republican candidates' debate. On the war in Afghanistan, he said, "There will be some who argue it's too expensive now ... You don't make a decision about our involvement in a conflict based on dollars and cents alone or certainly not with regards to politics."

He's right. War is a serious thing. If a war must be fought, the money must be found. "Can we afford?" presumes that war is some sort of discretionary purchase. The question was utterly ignored in the George W. Bush years, when the money was simply borrowed. Departing Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates touched on right-sizing our military budget in his recent blunt talk to our allies in the North Atlantic Treaty

Organization. They're not pulling their weight in NATO, he complained, and characterized their defense budgets as "chronically starved."

Gates said that "while every alliance member voted for the Libya mission (actually, Germany abstained from the U.N. Security Council vote), less than half have participated at all, and fewer than a third have been willing to participate in the strike mission." Many don't have the military capability to join the fight, whether or not they wanted to. And Libya, Gates pointed out, is in Europe's backyard, not ours.

"Furthermore," Gates added in his most cutting remark, "the mightiest military alliance in history is only 11 weeks into an operation against a poorly armed regime in a sparsely populated country — yet many allies are beginning to run short of munitions, requiring the U.S., once more, to make up the difference."

America is tired. The U.S. taxpayer now covers three-fourths of the budget for an organization that protects the richest countries in Europe. Americans are asking, "Why is it us all the time?"

Part of the reason is that we've wanted it to be us. We have a huge military-industrial complex that our leaders in Washington reflexively feed with tax dollars. Over the years, Congress has funded weapons systems that the Pentagon didn't even want.

And if the U.S. is so gung-ho about using its military might to defend the West — and going

it alone, besides — why would the rest of the West stop us? The money others save on their own defense pays for plush health care benefits and other public programs.

Many Democrats and Republicans now criticize President Obama for getting us involved in the Libya mission, arguing that we have no national interest there. But at least Obama insisted that Britain and France take the lead this time. The previous administration balked at sharing the reins, much less handing them over.

In 2010, the U.S. spent 5.4 percent of its gross domestic product on defense, twice the percentage of NATO's second most active participant, Britain. We account for 43 percent of the world's military spending. China is No. 2, with a defense budget representing only 7.3 percent of the total.

Clearly, the United States can spend a lot less on defense and still fully secure the nation. Send some of that money over to the State Department, which is helping change societies by arming young people with new media. But in the end, the defense budget must be right, not just lower.

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A new paradigm for the left?

If you compare the Carter malaise with the Obama debt doomsday machine, any GOP 2012 presidential candidate should sail to victory with greater facility than Ronald Reagan did in 1980. But will she or he?

I am optimistic but also believe that in making his economic case, the Republican candidate will have different challenges because of the ongoing growth of our welfare state and the attitudes it has ushered in, along with heightened class warfare.

We could be seeing a paradigm shift in the way people view their social compact with government. More and more people believe that government exists not just to perform essential services as delimited in the Constitution, but as a grand equalizer of economic outcomes.

It's one thing to argue that those who earn more should pay a higher percentage of their earnings in income tax. But it's a completely different idea to suggest that the government should use the tax code and other legislative schemes not just to ensure sufficient revenues to operate the government, but to more equitably distribute people's remaining income — or, possibly, assets.

This is not just a matter of semantics. In this new paradigm, some contend that irrespective of the government's operating needs, it has a moral right — and a duty — to proactively intervene to redistribute income.

I observe this latter attitude with increasing frequency. It's not just President Obama indicting corporations and "obscene profits" by saying that the wealthy should spread the wealth around and that at some point, people have made enough money.

It's liberals I encounter who are constantly complaining

about the "largest wealth gap in our history" and blaming it on George W. Bush and the evils of capitalism.

In their disappointingly simplistic view (articulated in an email I received), the Bush tax structure created this "gap" by "transferring money from the middle class to the rich ... and transferring our debts to our grandchildren."

But wait. Under the Bush tax rates, higher-income earners paid a higher percentage of their income in taxes. Any transfer of wealth was from higher-income earners to lower-income earners. Plus, almost half the people don't pay income taxes at all, and some 60 percent take more from the government than they pay in.

I told the emailer he was factually wrong and also misguided to believe it is government's function to proactively redistribute wealth.

(We're talking more than safety nets here, by the way.)

He replied, "Yeah, the CEO of Disney 'earned' \$50 million last year without the help of government through the invisible hand of the market."

Note the palpable contempt. He and others convince themselves that government is greasing the skids for high-income earners, but what they're really angry about are the inherent disparities of outcomes under a free economic system. Whether or not they realize it, they don't much like capitalism, which is why they're always pushing us toward socialism.

These same people also seem to object to disparities of income between Americans and the rest of the world. They apparently believe it is morally wrong that we are more prosperous than other nations and consume more of the world's resources.

It only follows that we would detect a disturbing correlation between their anti-capitalist mindset and their attitude toward economic prosperity and even debt tolerance. Those who have a chip on their shoulder

about capitalism and America's wealth don't seem to be nearly so anxious about the nation's growing debt crisis. They either naively assume it's not that bad or figure that even if it is, there's nothing wrong with America's getting its comeuppance. Maybe an economic meltdown would put us in our place — and in the meantime, it might cause us to draw down our evil "military-industrial complex" and our warmongering arsenal.

I am not suggesting that leftists of this particular stripe wish economic harm on the nation, but I am saying they look admiringly at European socialism, with its perennial unemployment of 15 percent. I am saying that they believe the government should proactively redistribute wealth — to a much greater extent than it is doing now. I am saying that they are wholly unbothered by the obvious unfairness that almost 50 percent of the people pay no income taxes. And I am saying that most of them either don't understand that their prescriptions to equalize outcomes rather than opportunity inevitably result in less for everyone or don't care because they believe it's preferable for everyone to have much less than it is for some to have a great deal more than others under a free system.

This kind of thinking is dangerous to a free and prosperous society, and as 2012 approaches, conservatives have to address it and start remaking their moral case for capitalism and liberty. Under this ever-softer society, that's quite a tall order.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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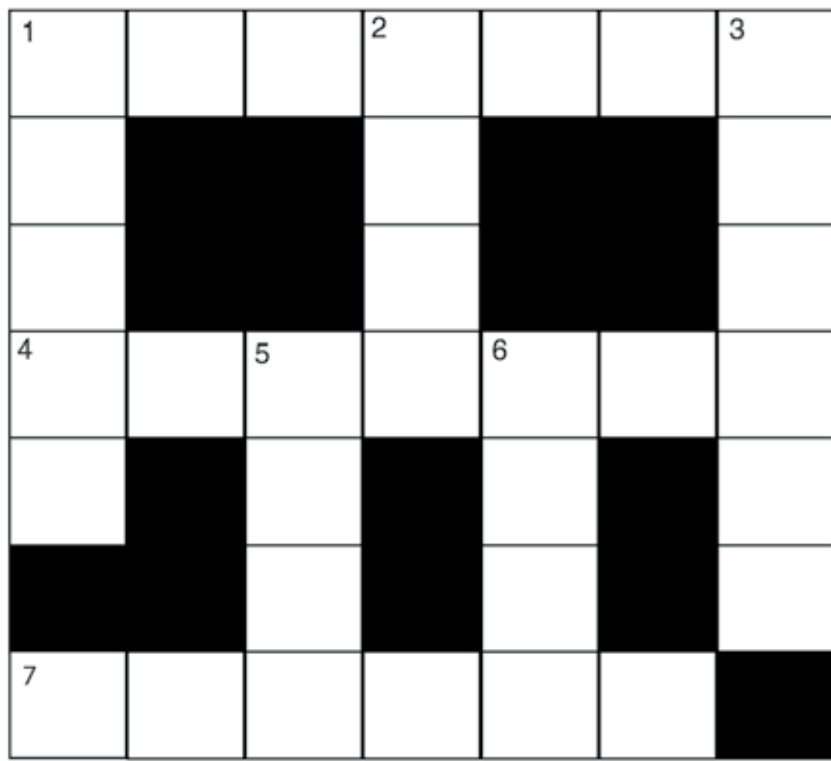
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ACROSS

- 1. Protective eyewear
- 4. Commercial vacation industry
- 7. Salty bodies of water

DOWN

- 1. Small insects
- 2. Equipment
- 3. Warm season
- 5. Try to persuade
- 6. Symbol of something

Answers:
Across
1. goggles 4. tourism 7. oceans
Down
1. gnats 2. gear 3. summer 5. urge 6. icon



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ANSWER: HEAT STROKE

New Word

intense

existing in high degree

How they SAY that in...

- ENGLISH:** Bright
- SPANISH:** Brillante
- ITALIAN:** Limpido
- FRENCH:** Lumineux
- GERMAN:** Hell

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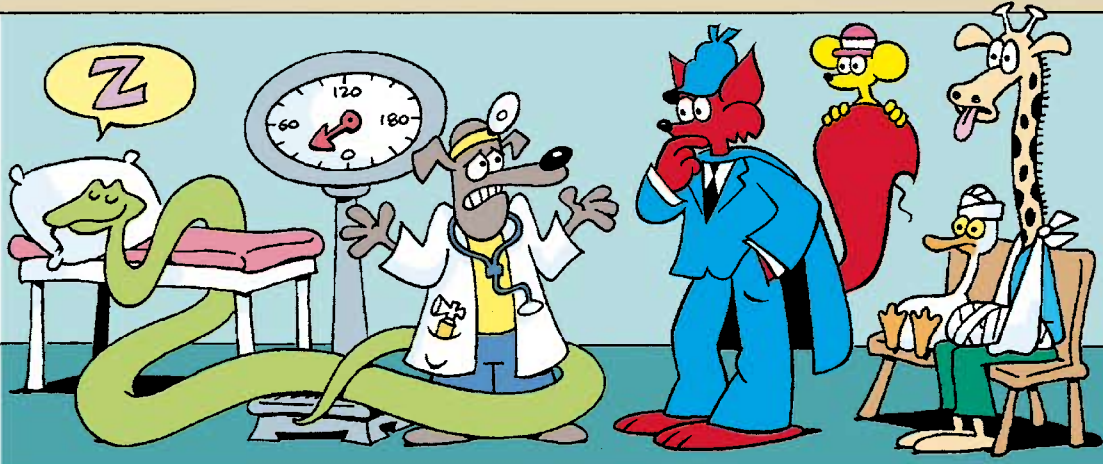
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ANSWER: SWIMMING GOGGLES

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BY BOB WEBER JR.

The anesthetized snake needs to be weighed. But when the doctor tried to coil the reptile on the scale, it slid off. Slylock Fox has a suggestion. What is it?



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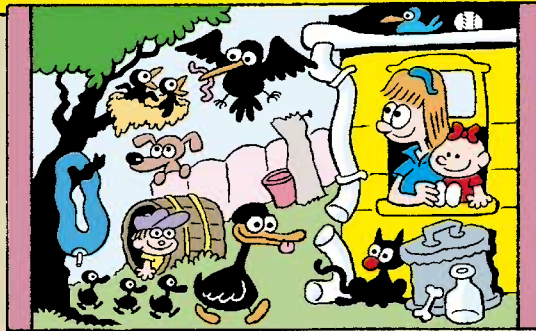
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- 3) UFADIERLG
- 4) TODOFDRWI

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An opportunity to touch the past

As Art and I knelt on our front porch to extract two young red-tailed hawks from a carrier, the game warden related how an Animal Control officer had found these birds in the shelter's drop-off area earlier that morning. "He thought they were bald eagles."

Our first glance inside the carrier had helped us understand why the city employee had thought of that particular specie. The nestlings' downy-white heads were deceiving as seen in contrast to the golden brown of their wings, backs and tails. Since the youngsters were large and imposing raptors even in early development, the Animal Control officer had every right to be confused regarding identification.

As I brought the second hawk out of the carrier, the game warden's phone rang.

Receiving another request for assistance from the same Animal Control officer, he said he would meet him at a location near the high school. As he started to leave, he warned,



Courtesy photo

As it starts to land, the long-billed curlew spreads its wings to slow its forward momentum. After gracefully placing one foot after the other on the ground, the shore bird takes a few steps forward before folding its wings. Sounding an alarm to others of its specie, it is capable of uttering a loud "cur lee" or "cur lew." Aquatic life and insects are no match for its long bill and hunting prowess.

"There's a bird with a long bill stuck in the fence near the practice field. I may be back."

When he returned, we were eager to discover what he and the officer had rescued. Since I had been feed-

ing a mockingbird, we ushered the game warden into our makeshift aviary.

Inside his carrier was a long-billed curlew. During recent fall migrations, we had received numerous calls of sightings. A favorite area for the species to hunt for insects was the western side of the airpark. Residents near or on Alamesa had experienced these unique birds in their front yards.

Puzzling was its appearance the last of May. Perhaps its spring migration had been delayed or it was headed to the Panhandle or further north.

Known as both a shorebird and wanderer of the prairies, we wondered about its presence along a fence line. Frightened as it

fed, the bird may not have seen the chain link fence when it responded to a noise or human presence. The game warden said he didn't think it was hurt.

Removing the curlew from the carrier, I extended its right wing, then the left. Noticeable was the soft, cinnamon coloration on the underside. In flight, the subtle hues would be an identifying must.

While buff-colored below, with narrow brownish-streaks on its neck, above, the curlew's folded wings and back were strikingly marked with brown and black on buff. The downward curved bill was a blend of dark gray and black, with a tapering of pale orange near the mouth.

Finding no breaks or injuries, I borrowed

some crickets left over from a pile I had set out for the mockingbird. As Art saw me gently opening the curlew's long bill with my fingertips, he cautioned me to be careful. Its beak could easily reach one of my eyes with its almost four inch length. After placing an insect inside toward the back of the bill, I watched the bird easily swallow a crusty treat. Another followed.

Thinking out loud, I mentioned the bird's need for open grasslands for hunting insects, and a large pond that could offer a muddy shoreline and aquatic life. An ideal release site for the curlew would allow it to rest, and if need be, stay until migrating further.

As I returned the bird to the carrier, the game warden said he knew just the place.

To reduce the noise, stress, and buffeting of wind while the curlew was being transported, he loaded the carrier inside his vehicle. He promised to call with the results.

With the time it would take for the game warden to reach the desired ranch lands, I started reading and learning all I could about the largest member of the sandpiper family. Once the specie had been abundant over the plains, but as open prairies disappeared due to agriculture, so did the curlew. Fortunately, grazing lands for cattle assured future nesting sites.

What was obvious in the early part of the 20th century was even more obvious today. In his 2007 field guide, Basic Texas Birds, Mark

BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



W. Lockwood estimated as few as 15,000 long-billed curlews remain.

His voice filled with excitement, the game warden finally called. Having been warned he might need to tilt the enclosure to get the curlew to leave, he said it wasn't necessary.

After opening the carrier's gate, he watched as the stately relic of the past walked out of the enclosure. Slowly placing one foot in front of the other, it approached a shoreline brimming with insects on, in and out of the water. Its long bill could once again probe the mud for worms.

Seeing dense brush nearby, the curlew entered the depths of the growth to blend with the terrain. Having surveyed its new surroundings, it left the safety of its hiding place to investigate the short grasses in the fields beyond.

When I told the game warden that numerous writers had described the bird as uncommon and rare, he said he believed the shorebird was in the right place. For the three of us, an opportunity had been given to touch the past and hopefully be a part of its future.

Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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

3			9	6	1			8
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Admiration for teachers

I recently read a letter from the Secretary of Education. He made several points that I thought were so true and relevant to our teachers today that I thought it would be good to paraphrase them and use them in a personal way to thank our teachers.

This is my version of his letter:

I have worked in education for more than 40 years. I have known many teachers in great schools and struggling schools, in big cities and small towns, and I have a deep and genuine appreciation for the work they do. I know most teachers did not enter the profession for the money. They became teachers to make a difference in the lives of children, and for the

hard work they do each day, they deserve to be respected, valued and supported.

I consider teaching an honorable and important profession. Inside the classroom, teachers exercise a high degree of autonomy. They decide when to slow down to make sure all of their students fully understand a concept, or when a different instructional strategy is needed to meet the needs of a few who are struggling to keep up.

They build relationships with students from a variety of backgrounds and with a diverse array of needs, and they find ways to motivate and engage them. I appreciate the challenge and skill involved in the work that's done and ap-

plaud those who have dedicated their lives to teaching.

The teachers I have met are not afraid of hard work and it's gotten harder in recent years; the challenges kids bring into the classroom are greater than they once were and the expectations are higher.

Not too long ago, it was acceptable for schools to have high dropout rates, and not all kids were expected to be proficient in every subject. In today's economy, there is no acceptable dropout rate, and we rightly expect all children to learn and succeed.

I have read that in the next decade, half of America's teachers are likely to retire. At the same time, how we

PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



recognize, honor, and show respect for our experienced educators will reaffirm teaching as a profession of nation builders and social leaders dedicated to our highest ideals.

As that work proceeds, I want my fellow teachers to know they are valued, respected and appreciated.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Each Card Played Tells a Story

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠7
♥QJ10
♦KJ4
♣AQJ872

WEST
♠A109852
♥A32
♦987
♣4

EAST
♠K43
♥8754
♦652
♣K63

SOUTH
♠QJ6
♥K96
♦AQ103
♣1095

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♦ 1♣
2♣ Pass 3NT
Opening lead — ten of spades.

tinued with the nine of spades to South's queen, establishing the suit.

Declarer now led the ten of clubs and finessed. East refused to take this trick because he was not sure whether to return a heart or a diamond and hoped to get a signal from West on the next club play.

Declarer continued with the club nine, presenting West with a ticklish discarding problem. He was afraid to discard the seven of diamonds lest East read it as a high card signaling the ace. He was also afraid to discard the three of hearts, even though it was technically a come-on signal, because East might not realize he had a lower heart.

West finally decided to discard the heart three. Declarer had little choice but to let the nine of clubs ride, and East won with the king. But East, misinterpreting the heart discard, returned a diamond, and South finished with 10 tricks instead of going down three!

East could have solved the problem if both defenders had been familiar with suit-preference signals. In that case, West's return of his highest remaining spade, the nine, at trick three would have indicated an entry in the higher-ranking suit (as between hearts and diamonds). If West held the ace of diamonds, he would return a lower spade instead. A high card calls for the higher suit, a low card for the lower one.

Tomorrow: A sleight-of-hand trick.

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Quail Dobbs and his family were recognized as the Howard County Pioneer of the Year Family at the 87th Annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion Saturday. From left to right (front to back), Serena, Quail, Kegan, Judy, Shawna and Coley were in attendance at the Heritage Museum to accept their family award. Below, Mack Halfmann and his family were recognized as the Glasscock County Pioneer of the Year Family.



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Youngsters enjoy a ride down the "lazy river" at Big Spring Family Aquatic Center during the facility's grand opening Saturday.



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Big Spring State Hospital employee Kathy Yarbrough shows the hospital's patients the selection of sunglasses from which to choose during Summer Fun Day activities. Nearly 100 hospital volunteers raise money throughout the year to provide extras for the patients, including t-shirts, hats, caps, tote bags, sunglasses and flip-flops on Summer Fun Day. Summer Fun Day celebrates the arrival of summer and prepares patients for the hot months ahead by providing some extras for summer time.

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Coahoma's Pete Acosta (right) participated recently at the 62nd annual Greenbelt Allstar game in Childress. He has committed to play football for Sul Ross University this fall. Acosta is joined in this photo by his brother Billy.

Rangers top Astros

ARLINGTON (AP) — Derek Holland and the AL West-leading Texas Rangers quickly settled back in at home.

After playing 17 of 20 games on the road, the Rangers got a pair of RBI singles from Adrian Beltre and Josh Hamilton's two-run triple off the wall in the first three innings Monday night. Holland pitched into the eighth for an 8-3 victory over the Houston Astros in the Lone Star Series opener.

"My offense is still doing the same thing they always do," Holland said after winning at home for the first time in nearly two months. "For me, just better execution."

The Rangers, who scored more than six runs only once on their just-completed 3-7 trip, had a 7-0 lead after three innings against Houston and J.A. Happ (3-9).

"We were able to relax a little bit," manager Ron Washington said. "We did a good job against Happ, not chasing too many of his off-speed pitches. When we got pitches to hit, we didn't try to do too much with it."

Mitch Moreland had a leadoff homer in the eighth, a towering shot estimated at 455 feet that landed half way up in the second deck of seats in right field.

Holland (6-2) allowed three runs and six hits with four strikeouts over 7 1-3 innings

for his first win at Rangers Ballpark since beating Kansas City on April 22 — the left-hander had since made four starts at home without a decision.

Since a five-hit shutout June 4 at Cleveland, Holland had allowed 10 runs over 12 1-3 innings in two starts, both on the road.

Michael Bourn led off the Houston fourth with his 19th infield hit. Jeff Keppinger followed with a double before a sacrifice fly by Carlos Lee and an RBI single by Jason Michaels made it 7-2. But Holland kept the inning from getting any bigger, retiring 11 of the next 13

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Still no agreement in NFL

CHICAGO (AP) — One day of owners' meetings could turn into two. Whether that's a sign of progress toward the end of the lockout and labor peace is debatable.

NFL owners will gather Tuesday, and perhaps into Wednesday, to discuss the status of negotiations with the players for a new collective bargaining agreement. This is the first meeting called by the league strictly for labor matters, and the 32 team owners and representatives who will be on hand were advised last week to prepare to stay an extra day.

That's how complex — and perhaps contentious — some of the issues are.

In the last three weeks, groups led by NFL Commis-

sioner Roger Goodell and NFL Players Association executive director DeMaurice Smith have made enough progress toward a CBA that it sparked optimism training camps could open on time late next month.

But no one is saying a deal is imminent, and several owners are known to have strong questions about proposals being discussed with the players.

Each side is eager to get something done before the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis rules on the league's request to permanently block an injunction that originally lifted the lockout. That injunction had been on hold while the three-man appeals panel considers the case, but one of the judges warned the

owners and players they both wouldn't like the decision.

Fearful of a ruling in which both sides lose — for example, the lockout could be allowed to continue, but only until it reaches six months, which would be four days after the regular season opens — Goodell, lead negotiator Jeff Pash and a handful of owners have met with Smith and a group of players over the past three weeks. Out of those talks has come word of movement and an atmosphere of cooperation, a far cry from the rhetoric and court actions of the previous months.

Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay has said a deal needs to be in place by July 4.

CAMPS

Girl's Basketball Camp June 20-23

BSISD's girl's basketball camp will be held June 20-23 at Steer Gym, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 2-8. The cost of the camp is \$25. T-shirts can be purchased for \$10.

Volleyball Camp July 25-28

BSISD's volleyball camp will be held July 25-28, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The camp is open to students in grades 3-8 for a fee of \$25. T-shirts can also be purchased for \$10.

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Best of the Rest Golf Tournament June 25-26

Comanche Trail Golf Course presents their 31st annual Best of the Rest 2-man scramble golf tournament June 25-26.

The tournament is open to the first 80 teams that register and entrants will be pre-flighted. There will be food on the course each day.

Entry fee is \$200 per team.

For more information, call the pro shop at 432-264-2366.

Howard County A&M Club Westexags Shootout July 16

A golf tournament with a four-man Sherrill scramble format will be held July 16 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The start time will be 8 a.m. The cost is \$75 per person (carts not included). Respond by July 1 to westexags@hotmail.com or by calling 432-263-7969.

Coahoma Girls' Softball All-Stars Annual Rag Ball Tournament June 24-26

The Coahoma Girls' Softball All-Stars are hosting their annual Rag Ball Tournament. The event will be held June 24-26.

Vendors are needed for the event.

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Celtic Tiger to return to Irish home after Open win

Record-shattering win gives Ireland second straight win at the tournament

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — His picture is everywhere. You can see it in the window of fish shops, or on cupcakes at bakeries.

These are good times for Rory McIlroy, lauded by one politician as "our Celtic Tiger."

And when the U.S. Open champion returns home to Northern Ireland this week the player described as golf's heir apparent to Tiger Woods can expect an open-top bus parade in his honor.

McIlroy's record-shattering win at Congressional gave his country a second straight victory in the tournament.

Drawing tributes from British Prime Minister David Cameron and enrapturing his hometown of Holy-

field.

Residents had packed the Holywood Golf Club to watch him play.

And right in the middle of the jubilation was McIlroy's uncle Colm, who toasted his nephew's victory by spraying champagne over the 18th tee.

"The pressure he was under was immense," Colm said. "The way he won it — he just took the whole field out basically, won by eight shots, broke all U.S. Open records. The rest of them were just spectators."

Since the Masters began in 1934, the 22-year-old prodigy is the second youngest major champion next to Woods.

It was a victory that united politicians in a country scarred by sectarian

violence for decades.

Usual business in the Northern Ireland Assembly was suspended to allow members to pay tribute.

"I stand here tired but elated," said Democratic Unionist Party legislator Peter Weir, who represents Holywood.

Many in the Stormont assembly spoke of McIlroy's modest background and basked in a performance that more than matched the U.S. Open victory by compatriot Graeme McDowell 12 months earlier.

"Rory McIlroy's emphatic win in the US Open is one of Northern Ireland's greatest sporting moments,"

First Minister Peter Robinson said. "Over the past four days, Rory played perhaps some of the best golf we have

ever witnessed.

"To have led from the first day of the tournament to the last shows a maturity and composure far beyond his years."

Another politician, Karen McKevitt, likened McIlroy's game to that of Tiger Woods: "We have got our own Tiger. Our Celtic Tiger."

The victory could even provide an economic jolt for an island beset by economic troubles.

"This is, apart from a personal triumph, a great victory for tourism in Northern Ireland," Ulster Unionist legislator Leslie Cree said.

"He is going to be a great ambassador for sport and a great ambassador for tourism."

Serena moves into 2nd round

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Defending champion Serena Williams reached the second round at Wimbledon by defeating Aravane Rezai of France 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Williams was out of action for nearly a year after foot surgery and

blood clots in her lungs. She played her first competitive matches since winning Wimbledon at Eastbourne last week.

The seventh-seeded American has won four titles at the All England Club and is one of the favorites this year despite

her long absence from the tour.

Against Rezai, Williams lost the opening two games but then won five straight to take control of the first set.

After losing the second set, she broke to take a 3-1 lead and held on for victory.

Williams still wants, hopes to win in Big D

DALLAS (AP) — Roy Williams is still chasing one simple goal. Winning. For the first four and a half years of his career,

Williams could only briefly get his hands on wins as part of a Detroit team that is still searching for the light of the playoffs. Traded to Dallas in 2008, Williams played a part in the Cowboys playoff win in 2009, then suffered through a disappointing season last year as Dallas struggled to a 6-10 mark and missed the playoffs. He has to be able to do it on the field, Williams said.

"We looked like paper champs. We had the talent, but when we played, it didn't pan out for us. We have to be better next year. Provided that next year begins on time, of course. Mired in the legal battles of a lockout that threatens to shorten the NFL season, Williams has been able to participate in the minicamps, workouts and offseason programs that normally dot the NFL offseason.

For a young player, the wait has been excruciating. But Williams is about to enter his eighth season.

At this point in his career, his body needs to rest before he can gear

up for another run at the postseason. Williams talked to a player who was contemplating retirement, but the lockout has gotten his body back to where it needs to be, Williams said. Older players, it goes.

At the same time, a lot has changed since last summer. The Cowboys have a new head coach in former offensive coordinator Jason Garrett. Expectations have changed. Regarded as a sure-fire Super Bowl contender a year ago, Dallas found itself picking ninth in the NFL Draft and trying to pick up the pieces of a season that left the Cowboys disappointed. The lockout has given the veterans time to rest. At the same time, every team in the NFL has lost some of the offseason work that can catapult a team on the kind of run the Cowboys want to make in 2011. Losing our key time to jell as a team, Williams said. When you come together, in offseason, OTAs, minicamps. We try to make it up with our own workouts, but it's not the same as it is when the coaches are pushing you. Williams has also been asked to learn a new role in Dallas. Featured as the No. 1 receiver in Detroit, Williams came to the Cowboys in a high-pro-

file mid-season trade that placed a lot of expectations on his shoulders. Williams caught 38 passes and seven touchdowns in his first full season, and then 37 catches for 530 yards and five touchdowns a year ago while surrounded by a talented stable of receivers that includes Miles Austin, Dez Bryant and Jason Witten.

For some people, that production has been enough, even though the Cowboys finished sixth in the league in passing offense last season despite the loss of injured quarterback Tony Romo. Williams said, "because everybody expecting me to do all these things that I very capable of doing when given the opportunity, Williams said. A role player, and I just try to make the plays whenever they come my way.

Playing in Dallas puts a Cowboys player under the microscope. Every play, every catch, every missed connection is highlighted and scrutinized. I first got to Dallas and saw all the media in Detroit we only had like four or five guys in Dallas, it's like 25, 26, Williams said. America's team, the most-viewed organization in any sport.

All Williams can do is keep playing. The Cowboys have made some strides to improve the offensive line, to allow quarterback Romo enough time to find Williams and the rest of those weapons running through secondaries.

And as soon as the lockout ends, Williams will be back at work, chasing the same goal. Williams should be better next year.

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batters he faced (two walks) through the seventh.

"He did a good job, maintained his composure," Washington said. "That is a sign of maturity."

The Astros (27-47) dropped to 20 games under .500, their lowest point since September 2007, when they reached 21 games under. The only time Houston plummeted to 20 games under .500 in fewer games was in 2000, at 25-45.

Happ lost his fifth straight decision in a span of seven starts. He gave up seven runs (five earned) and eight hits over 2 2-3 innings, the left-hander's shortest outing of the season, before reliever Aneury Rodriguez threw 4 1-3 scoreless innings.

"We just never allowed him to get into a groove and get going," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "You want hitters and pitchers, you want 'em to get into a groove, get 'em going in the game, and we

never allowed that."

Ian Kinsler reached on an error by third baseman Chris Johnson leading off the first and scored on Beltre's first single to put Texas up 1-0. Michael Young added an RBI double and Nelson Cruz a sacrifice fly.

Hamilton tripled off the left-center wall in the second and came home when Beltre singled again to make it 6-0. Craig Gentry chased Happ with an RBI double in the third.

"I think those same pitches when I'm ahead in the count are different swings. Obviously, the results weren't good tonight," Happ said. "I'd like to say I can forget about it, but that was a tough one for sure."

Beltre and Gentry each had three hits.

Michaels, who entered hitting .190 with three RBIs in 35 games, had another RBI single in the eighth.

The Astros' first hit was Carlos Corporan's one-out single in the third. He was quickly doubled up when second baseman Kinsler made an over-the-shoulder grab of Jason Bourgeois' popup in short

right with Corporan already running from first base.

Holland also had an impressive defensive play of his own, reaching toward the third base side to snag Johnson's liner to start the seventh.

"A great play on the mound," Young said.

NOTES: Texas and Houston play six times in a span of 11 days when both teams have two days off. The Rangers have won 11 of the last 13 in their in-state rivalry.

Bourn got his major league-best 30th stolen base in the first inning. It is his fourth consecutive season with at least 30 steals.

Hamilton has hit safely in 15 consecutive interleague games at home.

The game opened a stretch of 16 of 19 games at home for Texas going into the All-Star break.

... Before Happ's early meltdown, Houston starting pitchers had a 2.17 ERA the previous nine games.

The Astros finished 72-90 in 2000. Through 74 games in its 1962 inaugural season, Houston was 32-41-1.

Venus to face Krumm

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams is playing in her 15th Wimbledon. Kimiko Date-Krumm is back at the All England Club where she made her first appearance way back in 1989. They have a combined age of 71.

Two of the longest-serving players in women's tennis will meet for the first time, facing each other in a second-round match that will span two decades of experience on the tour.

The 40-year-old Date-Krumm is back in the second round at Wimbledon 15 years after she reached the semifinals and three years after coming out of a long retirement. The Japanese veteran was the first player to reach the second round Monday after a 6-0, 7-5 win over British wild card Katie O'Brien.

Next up is Williams, the five-time champion who turned 31 last week and is back in action after nearly five months off with a hip injury.

"I thought it was amazing when she came back," Williams said of Date-Krumm. "I watched her results. She's been playing so

well. I always root for her actually. But this time I'm playing her, so I will be rooting for me this time."

At 40 years and nine months, Date-Krumm is the third oldest woman to win a singles match at Wimbledon, and the second oldest in the Open era after Martina Navratilova.

Her last Wimbledon win came against Mary Pierce in the 1996 quarterfinals. She then lost to eventual champion Steffi Graf in three sets in the last of her three appearances in the semifinals of a Grand Slam.

"Of course I remember 1996, in the Centre Court I played against Steffi and it was darkness. I played two days with her," Date-Krumm said. "It was a big, big memory for me. Then after 15 years I won the first round, and it's already a miracle."

Date-Krumm spent 12 years in retirement, from 1996 to 2008. Since returning, she has lost twice at the All England Club in the first round.

"I know this has always been a really good surface for her, especially with the game that she plays," Williams said. "So I definitely won't take anything for granted because I've seen that she's taken out a lot of top players since she's been back. I'm looking forward to it."

Williams powered into the second round with a 6-3, 6-1 win over 97th-ranked Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan.

She grabbed as much attention, though, for her latest outfit — a white romper with a deep "V" neckline, a triangle cut out in the back, a gold belt and gold zipper.

"She's of course good player, especially on grass," Date-Krumm said. "So for me it's nothing to lose. I hope I can enjoy to play even (if) I win or lose."

Williams and Date-Krumm will get the day off Tuesday, a day with a star-studded lineup on the two main show courts.

The Centre Court schedule features three players with a combined 31 Grand Slam singles titles — defending champion and four-time Wimbledon winner Serena Williams, six-time men's champion Roger Federer and reigning Australian Open titlist Novak Djokovic.

The Court 1 lineup has three-time Wimbledon runner-up Andy Roddick, top-ranked woman Caroline Wozniacki and Robin Soderling.

The weather forecast for Tuesday was mixed. On Monday, rain began falling in late afternoon, resulting in the suspension of 14 matches in progress and the postponement of 17 others.

Thanks to the retractable roof, play continued on Centre Court — including wins by Francesca Schiavone and Andy Murray.

Murray recovered from a one-set deficit to beat Daniel Gimeno-Traver 4-6, 6-3, 6-0, 6-0. From 3-3 in the third set, the fourth-seeded British player won the final 15 games of the match.

The roof was added to Centre Court before the 2009 tournament and was used once that year because of rain. It was used once in 2010 because of darkness and occasionally to provide shade from the sun, but not because of rain.

"The roof, it changes the conditions," Murray said. "It's not the same conditions. It's different."



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Happy
summer
solstice!

ARIES (March 21-April
19). Getting the most of
today's opportunities
requires some prep time.
Check your notes. Reload
your memory before you
meet with tough clients,
customers, bosses,
colleagues or the most
critical members of your
family.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20). You walk the line
between appropriate and
inappropriate. You
gravitate toward the
outsiders. You dare to be
more edgy, real and
exciting than anything
else going on around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Intellect and
intelligence are not the
same things. You will
experience an illustration
of this today. Someone
who is highly educated
displays a lack of
common sense, and you
will be just the one to
help this person out.

CANCER (June 22-July
22). Make your move. It
shows you're not afraid.
If you wait around, the
other person involved
will think you're not that
interested, and the
excitement of the whole
deal diminishes. So be a
bit impulsive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

You'll be informally
appointed to a position
because of your outgoing
personality. You'll show
that you're the kind of
person who can make
connections happen
without something
awkward taking place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). You'll be around a
person who can help you
attain one of your goals.
You may not consciously
intend to tell this person
what you want, but you
teleglyph your needs
anyway. Your
subconscious messaging
system is going strong.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). Just because you are
positive and upbeat
doesn't mean you aren't
also mischievous and
playful. You gently tease
your loved ones, and they
crave the specific kind of
attention that comes from
only you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). Distractions, be gone!
Otherwise, a key piece of
information could elude
you. You have to watch
and listen from beginning
to end to get the full
story. The prize goes to
the one who does this the
best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). All it takes is
one suggestion that
makes perfect sense, and
you turn it into a project.
You create momentum.
You do a beautiful job of
escalating the action and
achieving progress by the
end of the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Just as you can
ruin a car's transmission
by staying in the same
gear for too long, you can
wear a relationship in the
wrong way by staying in
the same mode for too
long. Mix it up. Show all
of your colors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). You may not
mean to do this
consciously, but you set
someone up to contribute
to your cause. You make
it known that you're
going to make your move
later, and when you do,
the other person is ready.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Better to be exciting,
direct and even a bit
overbearing than to be
boring and predictable.
So stop worrying that you
might offend someone,
and say what's on your
mind.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(June 21). There's a
lovely simplicity to the
way you tackle personal
and professional goals
this year. You always do
your best. When the
outcome doesn't please
you, you'll objectively
look at what happened
and try it a different way.
When you are happy with
the results, you will
celebrate briefly and
move on to the next
challenge. Capricorn and
Virgo people adore you.
Your lucky numbers are:
43, 9, 26, 31 and 2.

ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS: "I'm a
Libra, and I'm trying to
lose weight. I hate the
way I look. I frequently
set weight loss goals and

promptly ignore them
when I fail to lose weight.
I've tried several
methods, but I don't last
more than a week on any
plan. I feel like a total
loser in every area of life,
though I know that's not
true. I'm actually quite
an accomplished person
who can't seem to get
this one thing right —
feeding myself in a way
that's appropriate. Do
you have any advice for a
Libra in crisis over her
weight?"

As the sign of the
scales, the last thing you
need is to be battling one.
Consider giving up this
battle — just let it go
completely, thus freeing
yourself from the tyranny
of your own self-
rejection. You may not
currently recognize the
cruelty of your constant
attacks on yourself. Give
up this fight, and you'll
attain the inner balance
necessary to deal with
this issue rationally.
Focus on self-acceptance
now, and take on the
weight loss when you've
replaced the habit of self-
bashing with kindness
and compassion turned
inward. You cannot
change that which you do
not accept.

CELEBRITY
PROFILES: Newlywed
Prince William will soon
take his bride to Canada
on the couple's first
official overseas trip. The
prince was born when
both the sun and the
moon were on the cusp of
Gemini and Cancer. If he
were born earlier in the
day, he would have been
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NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF
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NUMBER 74335

APPLICATION John Crane
Production Solutions Inc., has
applied to the Texas Commission
on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
for an amendment to Air Quality
Permit Number 74335, which
would authorize modification to a
Pultrusion Facility located at 3604
Bethel Drive, Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas 79720. The facility
will emit the following contaminants:
particulate matter including
particulate matter with diameters of
10 microns or less and 2.5 microns
or less, organic compounds
including (but not limited to)
exempt solvents and isopropanol,
and hazardous air pollutants
including (but not limited to)
styrene.

This application was submitted to
the TCEQ on May 19, 2011. The
application will be available for
viewing and copying at the TCEQ
central office, the TCEQ Midland
regional office, and the Howard
County Library, 500 Main Street,
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas,
beginning the first day of publica-
tion of this notice. The facility's
compliance file, if any exists, is
available for public review in the
Midland regional office of the
TCEQ.

The executive director has
determined the application is
administratively complete and will
conduct a technical review of the
application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC
MEETING You may submit
public comments, a request for a
public meeting, or request a con-
tested case hearing to the Office
of the Chief Clerk at the address
below. The TCEQ will consider all
public comments in developing a
final decision on the application.
The deadline to submit public
comments is 30 days after
newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is
to provide the opportunity to submit
comments or ask questions about
the application. A public meeting
about the application will be held if
the executive director determines
that there is a significant degree of
public interest in the application or
if requested by a local legislator. A
public meeting is not a contested
case hearing.

If only comments are received on
the application, the response to
comments, along with notice of the
executive director's action on the
application, will be mailed to
everyone who submitted comments
or is on the mailing list for this
application.

The executive director will
complete the technical review,
issue a preliminary decision on the
application, and a Notice of Appli-
cation and Preliminary Decision will
be published and mailed to those
who are on the mailing list for this
application. That notice will contain
the final deadline for submitting
public comments. If a hearing
request is timely filed in Response
to this Notice of Receipt of Appli-
cation and Intent to Obtain Air Permit,
the time period for requesting a
contested case hearing will be
extended to thirty days after the
mailing of the executive director's
response to comments.

After the final deadline for public
comments following the Notice
of Application and Preliminary
Decision, the executive director
will consider the comments and
prepare a response to all rele-
vant and material, or significant
public comments. If comments
are received, the response to
comments, along with the
executive director's decision on
the application, will then be
mailed to everyone who
submitted public comments or is
on a mailing list for this
application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A
CONTESTED CASE HEARING
You may request a contested
case hearing. A contested case
hearing is a legal proceeding

similar to a civil trial in state district
court. Unless a written request
for a contested case hearing is
filed within 30 days from this
notice, the executive director
may approve the application. A
contested case hearing will only be
granted based on disputed issues
of fact that are relevant and material
to the Commission's decisions
on the application. Further, the
Commission will only grant a
hearing on issues raised by you or
others during the public comment
period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected
by emissions of air contami-
nants from the facility is entitled
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ing a contested case hearing,
you must submit the following:
(1) your name (or for a group or
association, an official represen-
tative), mailing address, daytime
phone number, and fax number,
if any; (2) applicant's name and
permit number; (3) the statement
"[I/we] request a contested case
hearing"; (4) a specific
description of how you would be
adversely affected by the
application and air emissions
from the facility in a way not
common to the general public;
(5) the location and distance of
your property relative to the
facility; and (6) a description of
how you use the property which
may be impacted by the facility.
If the request is made by a group
or an association, the one or
more members who have stand-
ing to request a hearing and the
interests which the group or
association seeks to protect,
must also be identified. You
may also submit your proposed
adjustments to the
application/permit which would
satisfy your concerns.

Following the close of all applicable
comment and request periods, the
executive director will forward the
application and any requests for
contested case hearing to the
Commissioners for their considera-
tion at a scheduled Commission
meeting. If a hearing is granted,

the subject of a hearing will be
limited to disputed issues of fact
relating to relevant and material
air quality concerns raised
during the comment period.
Issues such as property values,
noise, traffic safety, and zoning are
outside of the Commission's
jurisdiction to address in this
proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to
submitting public comments, you
may ask to be placed on a mailing
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for this specific application mailed
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can be found at
www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be
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5:PM :30	News ABC	Alma Notic.	Lopez	News	Noticias	News	King	Scrivner	News	'70s	Cash Cab	Conan the Destroyer, Will Chamberlain	Ways Die	Law & Order	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Phineas Good	Around Pardon	SportsCenter
6:PM :30	Jeopardy!	Cuando Me	Two Men	News	Caso Cerrado	News	Seinfeld	McDonald	Business	'70s	Cash Cab	Witt Chamberlain	Ways Die	Law & Order	Movie: Cars, Bonnie Hunt	NFL Live	College Baseball: NCAA World Series, Game 8: Teams TBA.	
7:PM :30	Wheel Wipeout	Teresa (SS)	MasterChef	Ent	Mi Corazón Insiste	America's/Talent	Office	Upd	History	One Tree Hill	Deadliest Catch	Movie: Rambo: First Blood Part II	Auction	Memphis Beat	Romeo Must Die, Isaiah Washington	Shake It Deck	WNBA Basketball: Mercury at Silver Stars	
8:PM :30	Game Show	Triunfo del Amor	Raising Raising	NCIS: Los Angeles	Herederos-Monte	The Voice	Office	Light of the Southwest	Frontline (DVS)	Hellcats	Deadliest Catch	Movie: The Chronicles of Riddick	Auction	Memphis Beat	Wizards	Wizards	Nation	Baseball Tonight
9:PM :30	Combat Hospital	Aquí y Ahora (SS)	Simpsons How I Met	The Good Wife	La Casa de al Lado		Office		POV	Payne	After the Catch	Movie: Rambo: First Blood Part II	Auction	Memphis Beat	Wizards	Wizards	Nation	Baseball Tonight
10:PM :30	News	Impacto	How I Met	News	Noticias	News	Conan	Brad	Charlie Rose	Roseanne	Deadliest Catch	Movie: The Chronicles of Riddick	Repo	Memphis Beat	Wizards	Wizards	Nation	Baseball Tonight
11:PM :30	Jimmy Kimmel Live	Para Volver a Amar	Law & Order: SVU	Late	Decisions (SS)	Late Night	Lopez	Ministerio-Vida	T. Smiley (Off Air)	South Pk	Deadliest Catch	Movie: The Chronicles of Riddick	Repo	Memphis Beat	Wizards	Wizards	Nation	Baseball Tonight
12:AM :30	Extra	Destilando Amor	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	News	Conan	Upd		Cops	After the Catch	MAN	Franklin & Bash	Movie: Romeo Must Die, Isaiah Washington	Deck	Deck	Nation	Baseball Tonight
1:AM :30	Paid	Mujer	TMZ	Ent	Pagado	Poker After Dark	Lopez	Light of the Southwest		Homecoming	Alaska: Ext.	MAN	Rizzoli & Isles	Movie: From	Deck	Deck	Nation	Baseball Tonight

DENNIS THE MENACE



"INSTEAD OF TRYIN' TO GROW VEG-TABLES, WHY DON'T WE JUST PLANT SOME PIZZAS?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Have you noticed how well I've been behaving?"

HAGAR



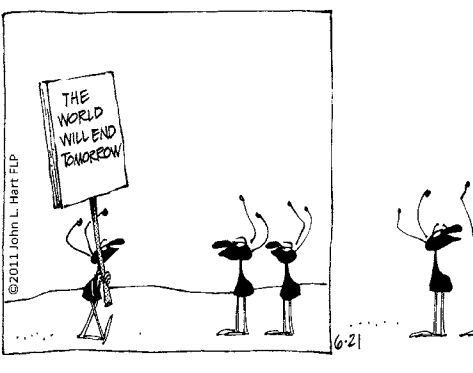
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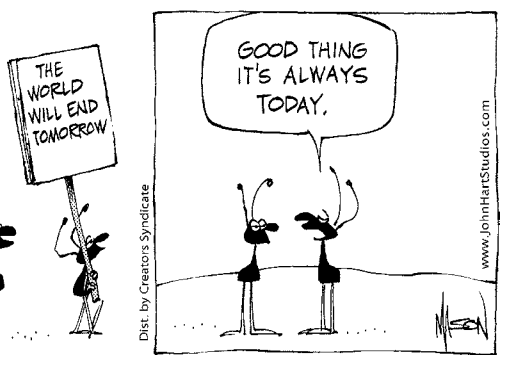
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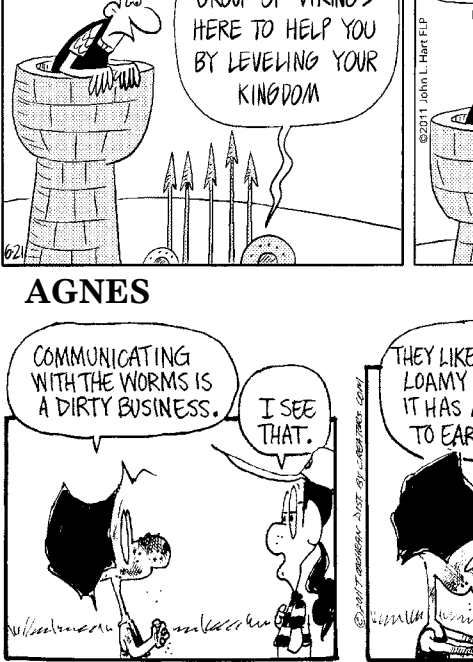
THE WORLD WILL END TOMORROW

WIZARD OF ID



HI! WE ARE A GROUP OF VIKINGS HERE TO HELP YOU BY LEVELING YOUR KINGDOM

AGNES



COMMUNICATING WITH THE WORMS IS A DIRTY BUSINESS.

HI AND LOIS



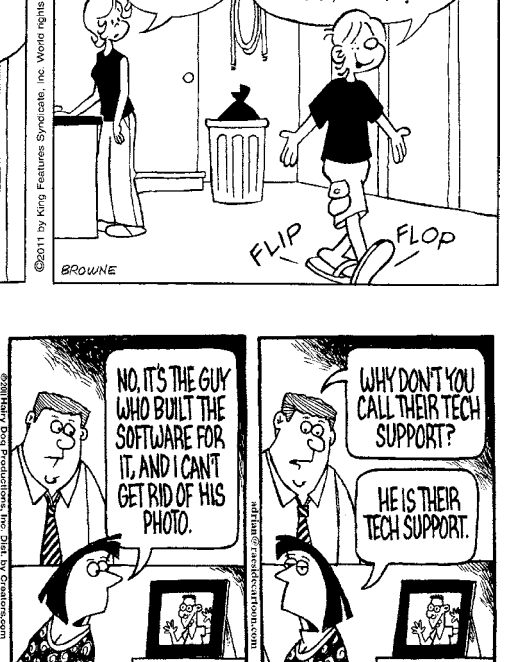
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? THROWING AWAY ALL MY OLD SOCKS.

THE OTHER COAST



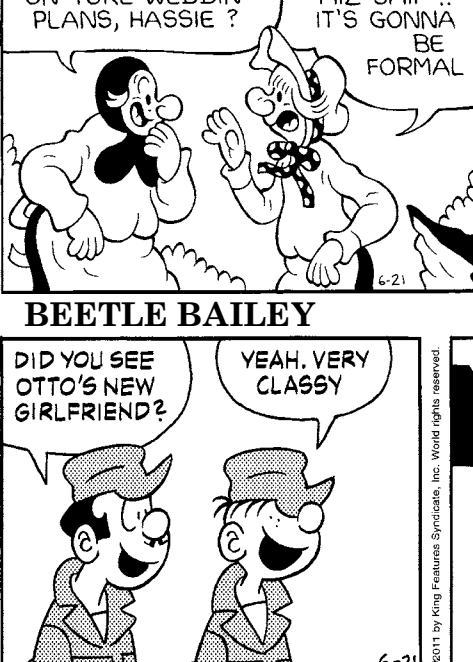
WHAT'S THAT, VICKY? IT'S A DIGITAL PICTURE FRAME. I GOT IT REAL CHEAP.

SNUFFY SMITH



NO, IT'S THE GUY WHO BUILT THE SOFTWARE FOR IT, AND I CAN'T GET RID OF HIS PHOTO.

BEEBLE BAILEY



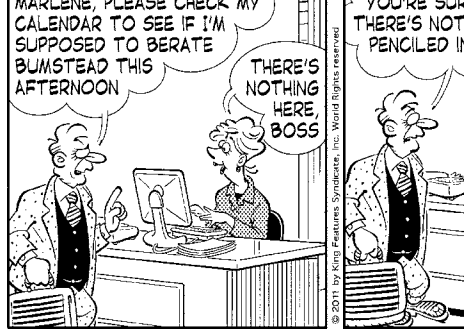
DID YOU SEE OTTO'S NEW GIRLFRIEND? YEAH. VERY CLASSY

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



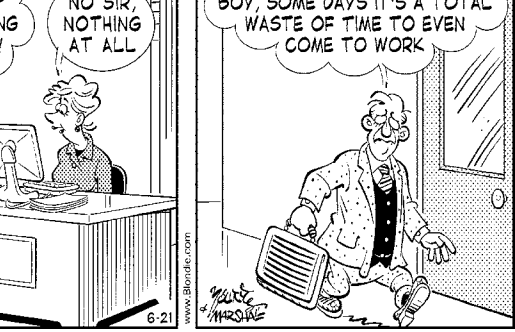
SHE DOES DOG FOOD COMMERCIALS

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MARLENE, PLEASE CHECK MY CALENDAR TO SEE IF I'M SUPPOSED TO BERATE BUMSTEAD THIS AFTERNOON

BLONDIE



YOU'RE SURE? THERE'S NOTHING PENCILED IN?

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, June 21, the 172nd day of 2011. There are 193 days left in the year. Day. Summer arrives at 1:16 p.m. EDT.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 21, 1788, the United States Constitution went into effect as New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it.

On this date:

In 1834, Cyrus Hall McCormick received a patent for his reaping machine.

In 1932, heavyweight Max Schmeling lost a title fight rematch in New York by decision to Jack Sharkey, prompting Schmeling's manager, Joe Jacobs, to exclaim: "We was robbed!"

In 1948, the Republican national convention opened in Philadelphia. (The delegates ended up choosing Thomas E. Dewey to be their presidential nominee.)

In 1963, Cardinal Giovanni

Battista Montini was chosen to succeed the late Pope John XXIII; the new pope took the name Paul VI.

In 1964, civil rights workers Michael H. Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James E. Chaney were murdered in Philadelphia, Miss.; their bodies were found buried in an earthen dam six weeks later.

In 1970, former Indonesian President Sukarno died at 69.

In 1981, five members of a climbing party fell to their deaths while scaling Mount Hood in Oregon.

In 1982, a jury in Washington D.C. found John Hinckley Jr. not guilty by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three other men.

In 1989, a sharply divided Supreme Court ruled that burning the American flag as a form of political protest was protected by the First Amendment.

In 2005, 41 years to the day after three civil rights workers were beaten and shot to death, Edgar Ray Killen, an 80-year-old former Ku Klux Klansman, was found guilty of manslaughter in a Mississippi court. (Killen was sentenced to 60 years in prison.)

Answer to previous puzzle

EDEN	STAT	SLASH	CASH
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HANDLING	CHARGES		
EKG	RIGS	EVENTS	
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BOSSY	TEST	GETS	

Newsday Crossword

GET CRACKING by Sally R. Stein

- Edited by Stanley Newman
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- ACROSS
- 1 Rate of walking
 - 5 Coin toss
 - 9 Groups of performers
 - 14 Sports cable channel
 - 15 Assistant
 - 16 Maximum or minimum
 - 17 Flavor of 44 Down
 - 18 Luau instruments
 - 19 Still in the game
 - 20 Apply oneself to a task
 - 23 Electric-fan setting
 - 24 Group of six
 - 25 "Got it!"
 - 27 Hosiery
 - 31 Firecracker cord
 - 34 Delicious
 - 38 Bassoon relative
 - 39 Digital music player
 - 40 Nebraska city
 - 41 Occupied a sofa
 - 42 Rain source
 - 43 Marching-band flute
 - 44 Prefix for sweet
 - 45 Ford or Fonda owner
 - 47 Flavor of 44 Down
 - 49 Be in charge of
 - 51 National birds
 - 56 "Got it!"
 - 58 Good example
- DOWN
- 1 Quick kisses
 - 2 In unison
 - 3 Grade of 75 or so
 - 4 Make into law
 - 5 Imperfect
 - 6 Similar to
 - 7 Chose from a lineup
 - 8 Mexican money
 - 9 Big families
 - 10 Feel poorly
 - 11 Bless
 - 12 VCR successor
 - 13 One-pot dinner
 - 21 Nairobi's nation
 - 22 In the know
 - 26 Submit a tax return via the Internet
 - 28 Successful dieter
 - 29 44th president
 - 30 Away from the office
 - 32 Tart-tasting
 - 33 Whirlpool
 - 34 Japanese bean curd
 - 35 French friends
 - 36 Place of refuge
 - 37 Over yonder
 - 42 Inexpensive beverage
 - 44 Carbonated
 - 48 With a light touch
 - 50 Land measures
 - 52 Honking bird
 - 53 Cruise ship
 - 54 Walk in
 - 55 Halts
 - 56 Parts of circles
 - 57 Add to the payroll
 - 59 Visit the mall
 - 60 Money in France
 - 61 Where Tehran is
 - 63 Approx. takeoff hour

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