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Fire danger remains

Cool temps aside, officials continue to urge caution

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

However brief the cool breezes provided by autumn in the Crossroads area may be, local fire officials are urging residents to choose activities that don't involve open flames, part of an effort to avoid wildfires during the post-summer season.

"With the cooler weather beginning to take hold here and there, there are going to be a lot of people in the city and in the county who will be tempted to use their fire and barbecue pits, as well as fire places and wood-burning stoves," Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan. "It's very important they remember there is still a burn ban in effect."

Howard County commissioners agreed to extend the ongoing burn ban for the standard 90-day term during an early September meeting. And while the burn ban strictly regulates the burning of trash in the county, it does little to govern the use of fire pits and barbecue grills, according to Sullivan.

"The ban doesn't really address barbecue grills and those sort of leisure items. However, people need to remember that regardless of what they are using — a barbecue grill, fire pit, wood-burning stove — if the fire gets away from you and we get called out, you're certainly going to be held liable for the damages," Sullivan said firmly. "You will get a ticket and you will have to pay a fine. It's that simple."

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Rochelle Jurado, a receptionist at Serenity Spa, applies a pink hair piece to Angela Pace during the business' Breast Cancer Awareness event held Monday. The spa, located at 1115 S. Scurry St., offered strands of pink-colored and a pink glitter tattoo of choice for a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society, along with many other specials to raise money to help fund ongoing research to cure breast cancer. Pink roses, which were provided by Inspirations, 1410 Scurry St., were also given out to many who attended Serenity's one-day event.

County nixes exemption

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners voted unanimously to disapprove the exemption of "goods in transit" from local taxation during Monday's meeting, following a swift — and quiet — public hearing on the matter.

Following a public hearing that drew no comments from area resi-



Barr
 Howard County

dents, commissioner gave the go-ahead to nix the exemption, a move County Judge Mark Barr said will have very little effect on tax revenue in the Crossroads area.

"This taxing option has very little effect on Howard County," Barr said. "In a place like Plainview, where they

have a Wal-Mart distribution center, this option can have a very pronounced effect. However, we don't have anything like that here, so its really not an issue for us."

Barr said the issue must be revisited by the council every two years, part of a state law that was approved during the most recent legislature.

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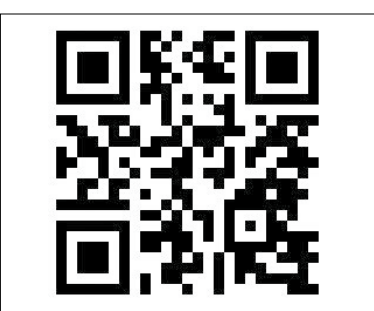
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Courtesy photo
Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Battalion Chief Josh Sullivan, right, accepts a check for \$333 from Clay "Gooney" Vickers on behalf of the local comedy troupe Goondock Saints, who raised funds for the firefighters during a recent show in Big Spring.



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Obituaries

Ben Dominguez



Ben Dominguez, 49, of Big Spring died Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will follow the vigil at 11 a.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Nov. 18, 1961, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to Maria Gloria Chavarria and Pete Gonzales Dominguez. He has been a resident of Big Spring since 1964. He graduated from Big Spring High School and played varsity football. He worked at the Senior Citizens Center for more than 20 years. He then worked for three years at Southwestern A-1 Pest Control.

He is survived by one daughter, Mandi Dominguez of Big Spring; his mother, Maria Dominguez of Big Spring; two sisters, Vicky Rodriguez and husband Ernest of Odessa and Angelique Latimer and husband Billy of Big Spring; five brothers, Billy Dominguez, John Dominguez and wife Irene, all of Big Spring, Raymond Dominguez and wife Sandra of Austin and Anthony Dominguez and Gus Marquez of Big Spring; three nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Gomez.

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

Filomeno Franco Jr.

Filomeno Franco Jr., 68, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

June Reid

June Reid, 94, of Stanton died Monday, Oct. 24, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

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

- CRAIGN ANTHONY SHIPMAN, 55, of 4200 Parkway, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license invalid – DWI related.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 20, of 507 N.W. 10th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- CRYSTAL CLEAR LEE, 28, of 1607 E. Sixth St., was arrested Monday on charges of criminal mischief – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and assault causing bodily injury.
- CURTIS THOMPSON, 51, of 500 S. Goliad, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- ERIC SANCHEZ, 18, of 901 S. Aylesford Apt. B, was arrested Monday on warrants for no driver's license – when unlicensed and juvenile curfew violation.
- THEFT was reported:

In the 1000 block of E. 21st Street.
In the 2300 block of Scurry.
In the area of Hall Oil and Gas.
In the area of North Service Road and Moore Field Road.

- ASSAULT was reported:
In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
In the 500 block of Birdwell Lane.
- FORGERY was reported in the 100 block of N.W. Broadway in Coahoma.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 65 inmates at the time of this report.

- ASHLEE ANN BINGHAM, 31, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of public intoxication and possession of an open container in a motor vehicle.
- RONALD HASELBY, 60, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- JESUS CRISTOBAL GONZALES, 39, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHNNY RAY PAYNE JR., 32, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- SALOME ADOLPH RIOS, 36, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility, violation of a promise to appear (two counts) and disregarding a flashing red signal.
- JOSHUA MATTHEW WILSON, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and urinating in a public place.
- RICHARD GENE ARMSTRONG, 33, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on an attorney general warrant for motion to revoke probation and suspend license.
- HENRY TREVINO FRANCO JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- MARK DAVID MYERS, 47, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and operating an unregistered vehicle.
- ANGEL EDIEVERTO TORRES, 27, was arrested Monday by DPS on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CRAIG ANTHONY SHIPMAN, 55, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- CRYSTAL CLEAR HILARIO, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief and assault causing bodily injury.
- CODY BRANDON WALTERS, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.
- ERIC SANCHEZ, 18, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on capias warrants for curfew violation and no driver's license.
- CURTIS THOMPSON, 51, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- KERI LYNN FLUX, 31, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger less than 15 years of age.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of Stanford. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. Service refused.
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- MEDICAL was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third Street. One person was transported to SMMC.

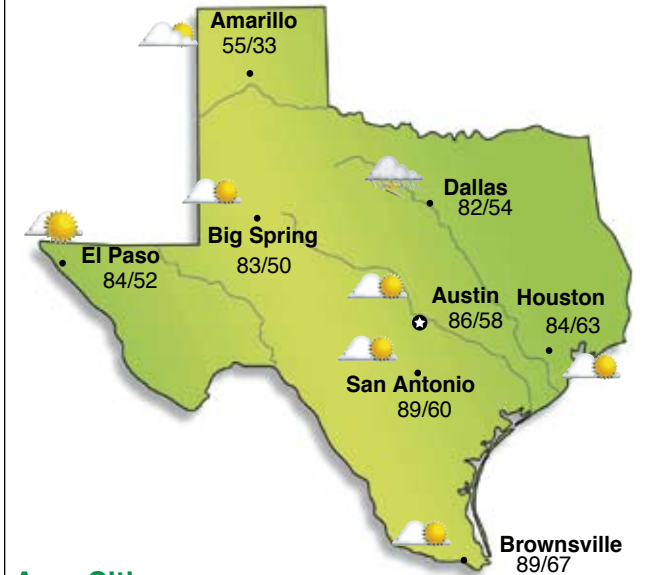
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 10/26	Thu 10/27	Fri 10/28	Sat 10/29	Sun 10/30
83/50	62/42	68/44	74/49	77/47
Partly cloudy. Warm. High 83F. SW winds shifting to N at 10 to 20 mph.	Morning showers. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 40s.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the mid 40s.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 7:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 7:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:59 AM Sunset: 7:00 PM	Sunrise: 8:00 AM Sunset: 6:59 PM	Sunrise: 8:01 AM Sunset: 6:58 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	77	46	t-storm	Kingsville	92	65	pt sunny
Amarillo	55	33	cloudy	Livingston	84	59	pt sunny
Austin	86	58	pt sunny	Longview	83	57	pt sunny
Beaumont	83	61	pt sunny	Lubbock	70	39	pt sunny
Brownsville	89	67	pt sunny	Lufkin	87	62	pt sunny
Brownwood	85	51	t-storm	Midland	86	47	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	88	67	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	66	mst sunny
Corsicana	82	54	t-storm	Rosenberg	85	63	pt sunny
Dallas	82	54	t-storm	San Antonio	89	60	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	60	pt sunny	San Marcos	87	58	pt sunny
El Paso	84	52	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	83	53	t-storm
Fort Stockton	88	53	mst sunny	Sweetwater	79	47	pt sunny
Gainesville	76	47	t-storm	Tyler	83	56	pt sunny
Greenville	81	51	t-storm	Weatherford	78	48	t-storm
Houston	84	63	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	71	45	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	76	52	sunny	Minneapolis	52	37	cloudy
Boston	53	43	rain	New York	66	54	rain
Chicago	50	40	rain	Phoenix	80	54	pt sunny
Dallas	82	54	t-storm	San Francisco	72	51	pt sunny
Denver	32	19	snow	Seattle	49	40	cloudy
Houston	84	63	pt sunny	St. Louis	60	45	rain
Los Angeles	65	51	pt sunny	Washington, DC	71	57	cloudy
Miami	82	74	rain				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Wed 10/26	Thu 10/27	Fri 10/28	Sat 10/29	Sun 10/30
6	5	6	6	6
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Take note

- Big Spring High School's annual Powder Puff football tournament will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at Blankenship Field, adjacent to the high school. Admission is \$5 per person.
- November 5 the Fraternal Order of Eagles will host a benefit for Maurren Pitman at the Eagles Lodge. Brisket dinner will be from 4-7 p.m. and the Texas Outlaws will perform from 7-11 p.m. Plates are \$5 apiece.
- The Big Spring High School Speech and Debate Team will host its 10th annual Speech and Debate Tournament Friday and Saturday. Volunteer judges are needed for both days. Anyone who would like to donate their time for students are urged to contact Jennifer Adams at 432-264-3641 ext. 1444.
- Carlos' Restaurant is the participating Dine-Out-Days sponsor for United Way through Saturday. A portion of their proceeds will be donated to the 2012 United Way campaign.
- The Howard County Humane Society and Sierra Animal Clinic have teamed up for a fund raiser to benefit the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County.
November 5, from 8 p.m. until noon at the Humane Society your dog or cat can get their parvo or distemper shot and rabies shot for a donation of \$5 or both for a donation of \$10. All donations will go to the United Way to help the 15 agencies they support. Live United.
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be conducting a benefit for Maurren Pitman at the Eagles Lodge. Dinner will be from 5-7 p.m., drawing at 6 p.m. and the Texas Outlaws will be performing from 7-11 p.m. The meal will be brisket plate at \$5 per plate. Area Boy Scouts will be helping with cooking and serving.

- Concerned parents and citizens are invited to a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the Howard County Library basement. The meeting will be held to develop questions for the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees meeting on Nov. 1 and to develop goals and create a followup plan to make sure the goals are achieved. For more information, see Letters to the Editor.
- First Baptist Church Big Spring will celebrate its 125th anniversary Sunday, Nov. 13. In recognition of this occasion, a special worship service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the main sanctuary followed by a luncheon in the Family Life Center. For more information, call the church office at 432-267-8223, or go to: <http://www.fbcbigspring.org/>
- Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, is no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.

- American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dallas. For more information, call 432-213-0795

COUNTY

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"The Texas legislature

recently amended the goods-in-transit tax law to require taxing entities to decide whether or not they want to offer the exemption," he said.

"Now, a taxing entity must decide whether to allow goods in transit to be taxed or not. The courts decision today will allow the items to

be taxed." Goods in transit is defined in the Texas Tax Code, Chapter 11.253, as those items that are brought in for holding

until they are shipped elsewhere for production. Also, the goods cannot remain at the same location for more than 175 days before

they are shipped on.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232.

FIRE

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Sullivan said the best way to avoid the dangers of creating a wildfire is to not use open flames outdoors, but if residents do plan to make it a part of the leisure activities, they should take every available precaution. "It wouldn't hurt my feelings a bit if everyone simply cooked their hot dogs and hamburgers indoors, on a stove," Sullivan said. "However, this is West Texas, and barbecue is a part of our culture. The safest source for barbecuing is propane grills. If you have to use a charcoal grill, however, make sure you keep a watchful eye on it the entire time it's hot. Treat it just like any other fire during these dangerous

times and never walk away from it. "Also, make sure you have buckets of water, as well as a water hose or other extinguishing source close by. Hot embers can drop from the bottom of the grill and ignite a fire faster than most anyone realizes. You should also make sure the area around your grill is clear of combustible items, including grass and weeds." Sullivan said the largest source of wildfires during this time of year, however, doesn't come from people spending a few hours outdoors, but instead from people inside their homes trying to stay warm. "We usually see a pretty good spike in the number of structure fires around this time of the year," Sullivan said. "People will be firing up their heater or furnace

for the first time this season to stay warm, and if those heat sources aren't operating correctly they can quickly catch fire." Sullivan said area residents should inspect their heaters — regardless of type or age — or have a professional inspect them before they light them this fall season. "There are so many different ways a structure fire can start. Electrical wiring in the attic, cooking accidents, candles left burning ... they all have one thing in common, however, and that's once they get started, they propose a danger to not only that particular home, but to the homes nearby, as well." Structure fires often spread into wildfires, according to Sullivan, and depending on the sever-

ity of the spawned fire, could cause damages to be much worse. "In a situation where you have a structure that is fully engulfed and it's throwing off wildfires, firefighters are faced with performing a type of triage. They have to decide where the resources are needed most, and there are times when that means having to let a fully engulfed structure burn while you try to protect nearby homes that haven't yet been damaged by the spreading fire," he said. "It can make for a very, very frustrating situation." And while it's no secret the dangers posed by wildfires is currently at a historic high, Sullivan warns it will get worse in the coming months. "The recent rain we got has caused grass in

some areas — especially those already ravaged by wildfires — to grow six to eight inches," Sullivan said. "Once the first frost hits the area, that grass that's somewhat green and pretty right now will turn into dead, dry fuel that burns a lot faster than mesquite bushes, causing fire to move a lot quicker. Don't get me wrong, we're all very thankful for the recent rains, however, it's not likely to do much to help us once that vegetation dies."

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Self-discipline, self-control and You, Lord, make our life wonderful.

Amen

Don't expect us to be waiting if you aren't willing to wait

President Obama couldn't have chosen a more fitting slogan than "We can't wait" to promote his latest legislative elixir for our ailing economy. What could be cleverer than to employ double meaning in aid of doublespeak?

CBS News reports that Obama will use the phrase to sell his jobs bill and to justify his plan to take unilateral executive action on the economy.

Obama has enlisted the phrase to argue that America can't wait on the private sector to generate economic growth. He can't wait on the people to get up to speed with his superior wisdom or for Congress to rubber-stamp his latest destructive scheme. He will not be denied; he will not be delayed; he will not wait.

So he "is going to begin a series of executive branch actions that will not require action from Congress — or the assent of Republicans," including a "major overhaul" of the government's refinance program for federally guaranteed mortgages to assist homeowners who haven't been able to secure refinancing.

How many times do we have to go through this song and dance, in which the executive branch arbitrarily alters already-existing contracts? How many times will this policy have to fail before Obama quits trying it?

This is a perfect scam for Obama. Just as we watch the Occupy Wall Street protesters condemning the banks for actions forced on them by liberals, Obama is again forcing them into similar actions

so that the protesters will have something to protest next year.

Audacious is no longer an adequate word to describe this president. He forced through his first stimulus through crisis-leveraged fear-mongering and then never really used but a fraction of that money for so-called stimulus purposes. Why would anyone still believe a thing he says?

Who is he to tell us "we can't wait" on the proper constitutional safeguards against such precipitous executive action? He is not America's king. The Framers deliberately placed safeguards in our system to prevent such capricious executive action.

Where does Obama get the authority to force banks to make loans on terms he prefers, irrespective of the sound banking practices that guide such decisions? The answer is that he doesn't believe he needs authority, only "noble" intentions.

Just like the liberals who crammed through their affordable housing policy, he believes that people ought to get a break.

It doesn't matter that most of them won't be able to pay back these loans. What matters is that Obama wants to take money from people who he believes have too much and give it to those who he believes don't have enough. To him, that is the highest purpose of government. Call it "economic justice," because that's what he and his fellow radicals call it.

The concept of "We can't wait" is nonsensical on its face — not that the absence of reason and common sense is any deterrent to such emotion-driven policies. He is implying that because we can't wait for the private sector to create jobs and he can't wait on Congress to pass his jobs-destroying jobs bill, he must order banks to make their loans less creditworthy. It's a

classic non sequitur.

He's using the phrase as a ploy to deceive us into believing that his regulatory action would also help the economy when the only thing it would do is shift money around. This is no more about creating jobs than was his stimulus bill, but like the stimulus bill, it would be a lawless, unconstitutional redistribution of wealth.

It's true; Obama can't wait for Congress to sign on to his insane plans, because it won't, and he can't wait on the will of the people to embrace his patent statism, because they won't.

What we really can't wait on — what America can no longer wait on — is for this president to quit spending more money than we take in. We can no longer wait another 900 days on the Senate to produce a budget. We can no longer wait on structural reform to our entitlement programs. We can no longer wait for the Supreme Court to nullify Obamacare or for Congress to repeal it. We can no longer wait for Obama to quit behaving like an absolute monarch with no accountability.

But sadly, we have to wait on these things — until 2012, when we can throw out of office those who refuse to obey the law by waiting to act until they have the constitutional authority to act.

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Recalling the lost paradise of America's budget surpluses

Hard to believe, but once upon a time, economists worried that the U.S. government would pay off all its debt. Also hard to believe, once upon a time was only 11 years ago.

President Clinton had bequeathed his successor budget surpluses "as far as the eye could see." He wanted some of them used to speed up repayment of the remaining \$3.6 trillion still owed the public in Treasury bonds. He said it could all be paid off by 2013.

No magic there. A modest tax increase, controlled spending and a strong economy made more confident by disciplined budgeting had ended a scary era of deficit spending.

Can you imagine this causing concern? If the federal government didn't need to borrow and paid off outstanding debt, it was said, U.S. Treasury bonds would disappear. Where would investors find a safe haven for their money? And suppose the U.S. government needed to borrow again in the future. How easily could it re-establish a market for Treasuries?

Wall Street analysts scoffed at the idea of a debt-free U.S. government. They figured that politicians would dip into the surpluses for tax cuts or more spending. An economic downturn could change the picture. But this is what you call a high-

class problem. The surplus offered the opportunity of a generation to invest in America and its people's well-being.

But the analysts probably never dreamed that the next president, George W. Bush, and his Republican Congress would slash taxes, run two wars and create a \$1 trillion Medicare drug benefit without a thought of paying for it. Meanwhile, financial deregulation accelerated, taking the cops off a Wall Street already made drunk by low interest rates and the attendant housing bubble. The inevitable financial crash followed, kicking off the deepest downturn since the Great Depression.

Before you knew it, Republicans had turned a \$155 billion surplus into a \$1.5 trillion deficit.

The point of all this is not to repeat a story sure to become more familiar as the presidential nominees fight over who killed America's golden goose. The point is to note that what happened to us did not drop from the mesosphere. It was manufactured by a political process running on myths, lies and the purchase of influence by moneyed interests.

"Republicans controlled Washington from 2001 to 2006," GOP House Majority Leader Eric Cantor wrote last year in the book "Young Guns: A New Generation of Conservative Leaders." "They did some good things, but they also did a lot to give conservatism a bad name."

The good news, the Virginia rep went on, is that Republican "young guns" like himself

and Wisconsin Rep. Paul Ryan would set the country aright.

First off, a few brave "old" Republicans did vote against the reckless Bush tax cuts and the unfunded Medicare drug benefit. But not Cantor. Not Ryan. They voted for the tax cuts, the new entitlement and both wars.

So boy, what an exhausting round of plastic surgery had to be done on their records to turn these guys into the fresh face of fiscal rectitude. Given Ryan's history, his post-surgical plan to fix the deficits by radically ending the government guarantees in Medicare seems less impressive.

The baby boom generation did not suddenly appear with the election of President Obama. It was no secret that the aging boomers would make future heavy demands on Medicare. Actually, saving for that day was one of the suggested uses for the surpluses that Republicans quickly blew through.

Yes, there was a once-in-a-life opportunity to preserve the good life in America and not run up ruinous deficits. But that was once upon a time.

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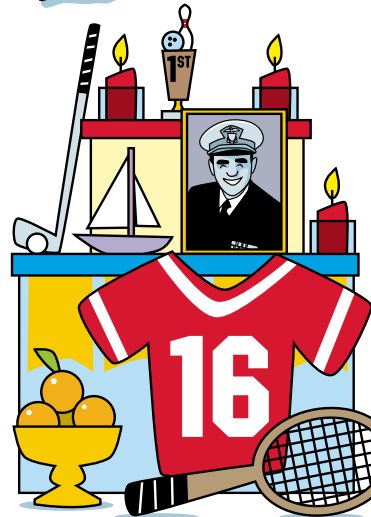
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Kid Scoop Funny Filler

Ask a friend to come up with nouns (person, place or thing), verbs (action words like swim and walk) and adjectives (describing words, such as hairy or silly). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some big laughs!

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD)

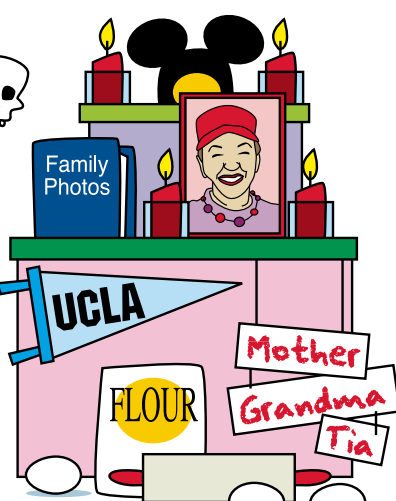


Dia de los Muertos, or *Day of the Dead*, is a holiday celebrated throughout Latin America. While it is called the Day of the Dead, the holiday actually lasts two days, November 1st and 2nd.

Even though this holiday is about death, it is not sad. The festival is full of life, happiness, color, food, family and fun. Its purpose is to "welcome" the souls of the

dead, who are thought to return briefly during these days to visit with their living loved ones.

Families celebrate by creating altars with *ofrendas*, or offerings to the dead. An ofrenda is a gathering of things that a deceased loved one enjoyed in life: favorite food and drink, clothing, photographs and other objects.



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Look at each altar on this page. List five things you can learn about each person from the ofrenda honoring him or her.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Calaveras de Azúcar

Skulls (*calaveras*) made of sugar (*azúcar*) are a popular holiday treat. While some may think skulls are scary, the Dia de los Muertos skulls are bright and colorful! The idea is to laugh in the face of death.

Find the two sugar skulls that are the same.



How many words can you make using the letters in:

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____
13. _____
14. _____
15. _____

1 - 3: Groggy Ghost
4 - 10: Smart Spirit
11 or more: Cool Ghoul!

Standards Links: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Your Town Ofrenda

Look through the newspaper or your newspaper's website for pictures and words that would make people think about your town. Using the things you find, create a poster about your town.

Standards Links: Visual Arts: Know how symbols are used to communicate meaning.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Tiptoe Through the Tombstones

Using only odd-numbered tombstones and moving vertically or horizontally (no diagonal moves!), reach the finish line.



Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



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Double Double Word Search

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ALTARS
SKULLS
FAMILY
LAUGH
SUGAR
FACE
DEAD
DAY
SAD

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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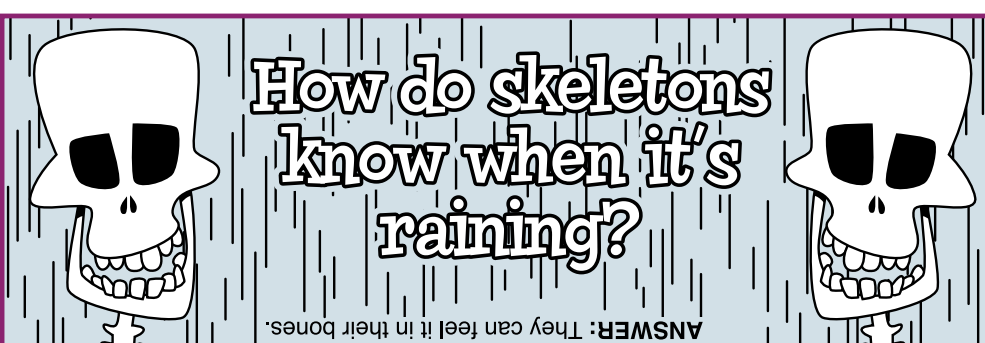
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Opposite Fish

Find ten pairs of opposites— words that mean the opposite of each other. For example, the words "close" and "open." Glue each word onto a 3 x 5 card that you'll use to play the card game "Opposite Fish."

Standards Links: Word Analysis: Understand and use antonyms.



Halloween

On Halloween night, my sister

and I, along with _____,

went trick-or-treating in our

neighborhood. We knocked

on _____ but no one

answered. A _____

figure appeared on the

sidewalk in front of us. My

sister began to _____.

_____ are not

welcome here!" the shadowy

_____ said. "Go away!"

"Hey! We live here!" said my

sister. She pointed at our

_____!

_____!

figure. "I am so sorry! I must

be lost!"

We helped him find his way

home to his _____

_____.

To thank us,

he gave us a basket filled with

_____.

Then he began to _____

into his home and invited us

to visit again. His pet _____

followed us a few blocks,

before turning into a very

_____!

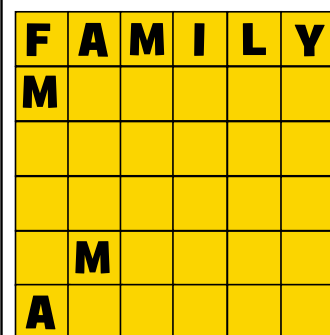
_____!

_____!

_____!

Kid Scoop-doku

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word FAMILY in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



Write On!

THIS (CREEPY) OLD HOUSE

It's Halloween, and you and a friend hear strange sounds coming from the creepy old house at the end of the street. What happens next?

Caring for a beautiful visitor

Oven-like winds of August led into a September longing for rain. With the effects of the drought came a neighborhood appearing to be in an early fall. Our buckeyes and the neighbors' red oaks were willingly releasing their singed leaves to the lawns below.

Backing out of our driveway to run some errands, we noticed the familiar colors of uneven browns highlighted against the crushed

granite of our xeriscaping. "What is that?" Art wondered. "Probably more leaves. I'll pick them up when we get back," was my reply.

Remembering later that not only leaves but also small branches were finding their way to our front yard, I hurried to gather the debris before it blew into our north cactus bed. When only a few feet away from what I considered trash, my afternoon was suddenly changed.

As a gentle breeze entered our yard from the southwest, the supposed leaves rippled, fluffed, and then settled back in perfect layers of brown tinged with olive. Kneeling beside what had to be a shorebird because of its feet, I was in awe of the mantle it wore.

Each feather was outlined in a grayish white. Gently

raising it from the ground, I noticed its flanks were barred with a brownish black and off white. Underneath, the feathers were a blend of pale gray and buff.

Leading from the pale white of its throat was its yellowish lower bill tipped with gray. The upper part of its bill was colored with the same charcoal appearance. Between its beak and eyes was a narrow band of black.

What it lacked in length for its beak and tail, it more than made up for in its feet. Three, forward toes were exceptionally long and tapered. The hind toe was short. Tipping each toe was a curved nail. Obviously, the bird could easily walk over the muddiest marsh and water lilies with ease.

Although eager to show Art what I had found, I was also disappointed in not being able to help it. The odor emanating from it readily informed me that it had been down for quite a while before we had seen, and then discovered its presence.

As I walked into the room where Art was working on his computer, he turned and noticed the bird in my hand. Before he could speak, I



A bird of marshes, bogs and swamps, the sora is adept at climbing through the dense growth of plants such as cattails and reeds. While it searches for dragonflies and aquatic insects, the bird also eats earthworms and seeds of wild rice.

Courtesy photo

said, "She's beautiful. I don't know what it is!"

Six bird books later, we still had not identified the bird. To us, it appeared to be a juvenile. After Art took a picture of it to send to Lubbock, we learned later that afternoon it was a sora, a member of the rail family. The wildlife center had also received one several days earlier.

Since this shorebird is a nocturnal migrant, few people have ever seen one. Two of our books made no mention of it. Then came another question. What was it doing in our front yard?

Our neighborhood is adjacent to Comanche Lake. Perhaps the bird had succumbed to a lack of insects

on its journey, and could not travel another three blocks to the water.

In our trying to identify the sora, one of our books had noted these birds are very susceptible to collisions with buildings, power lines and other man-made obstacles during the night. In several Texas cities, soras had been found dead on the streets early in the morning. With no overhead lines or tall buildings, we ruled out that possibility.

A week later, Diane Tracy of San Angelo called. Texas Parks & Wildlife had picked up a bird from a man's yard. In her many years of working within our permit and previous volunteer work, she had never seen such a bird.

After she described the beauty of its feathers, and its feet, I thought this could be number three. She felt, however, that it resembled a juvenile plover. Having asked for a picture, we soon identified it as another sora.

Feeding it mealworms and insects, Diane gave the shorebird the time it needed to recover. With the assistance of Parks & Wildlife, she was allowed to release it near a newly formed pond. Fenced, with a locked gate, the water, surrounded by lush growth, was being made available only to wildlife.

When she opened the gate to her carrier, the sora readily walked out and away to discover what awaited it along the water's edge and in the surrounding grasses and brush.

A week later, a call from Odessa was an opportunity to reacquaint with a woman who had brought or sent us birds for many years. When she said she had a bird she had never seen before, I asked her to describe it. Again, the feathers took precedence over any other part of the bird's anatomy. "Never have I seen such beautiful feathers," she exclaimed.

Since she had a bird book nearby, I asked her to find a sora. "That's it, that's it," she said excitedly. Unfortunately, the bird had no use of its legs. Since we have a volunteer vet tech in Odessa who is helping us, we made a referral even though the symptoms could be anything

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English: Not for the faint (feint?) of heart

In this column, throughout the past years, we have considered the English language in varying aspects, but I recently ran across a poem about the English language that I thought you'd enjoy.

I don't know the author, but it was titled "Teacher wanted for new Broken English School, "Asylum for the Verbally Insane."

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, but the plural of ox be-

comes oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.



PARENT'S CORNER
DARRELL RYAN

If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren.

Then the masculine

pronouns are he, his and him, but imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

Let's face it — English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England.

We take English for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square, and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce

and hammers don't ham? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the folks who grew up speaking English should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane.

In what other language do people recite at a play and play at a recital?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship.

We have noses that run and feet that smell.

We park in a driveway and drive in a parkway.

And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a

wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out, and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

After reading this we can understand why English is such a difficult language to learn and especially to understand.

I guess I stand in amazement and sit in amusement.

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from West Nile virus to poisoning.

So taken by the colorful array of feathers, volunteers from Big Spring, Lubbock, San Angelo and Odessa had been privileged to hold a unique specie.

Yet in its migration southward, a strong, steady flapping of its wings assure a sustained flight that will enable it to travel thousands of miles.

Flying at night and hidden by day, the sora may journey as far as Bermuda, Peru, or Brazil.

In thinking of what it must be like, for this beautifully feathered

creature to venture so far during many nights, and rarely be seen, brought to mind the poetry of Byron:

*She walks in Beauty,
like the night
Of cloudless climes
and starry skies;
And all that's best of
dark and bright
Meet in her aspect
and her eyes:
Thus mellowed to that
tender light
Which Heaven to
gaudy day denies.*

Although his description was of a person, he might have been compelled to use it for the sora.

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FRIDAY
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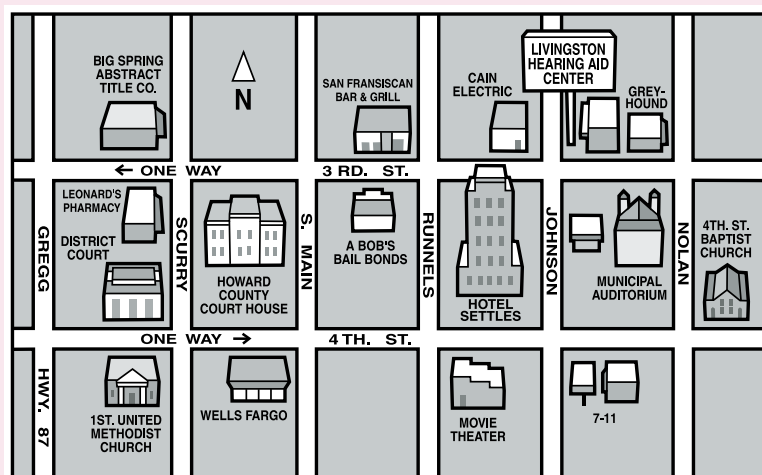
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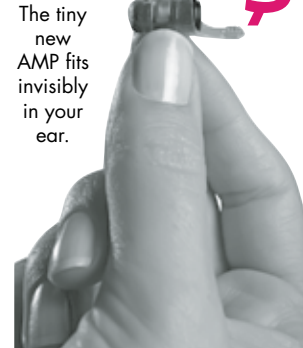
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News in brief

7-story building collapses 2 days after quake in Turkey

ERCIS, Turkey (AP) — An Associated Press Television journalist says a 7-story building has collapsed two days after a powerful earthquake hit eastern Turkey.

The building, with 46 apartments, collapsed on Tuesday in the city of Van. It was not known if anyone was inside but witnesses say voices can be heard.

The 7.2-magnitude earthquake has been followed by hundreds of aftershocks and authorities have warned survivors not to enter damaged buildings.

Thousands of people spent a second night outdoors in cars or tents in near-freezing conditions.

Gadhafi buried in secret location along with son and top aide

MISRATA, Libya (AP) — A Misrata military council official said Moammar Gadhafi, his son Muatassim and a top aide were buried at dawn Tuesday in a secret location, with a few relatives and officials in attendance.

In a text message shown to The Associated Press, spokesman Ibrahim Beitalmal said Islamic prayers were read over the bodies. The information could not be independently verified.

The bodies of Gadhafi, his son Muatassim and former Defense Minister Abu Bakr Yunis had been held in cold storage in the port city of Misrata since

the dictator and members of his entourage were captured near his hometown of Sirte on Thursday. Gadhafi and Muatassim were captured alive, with some injuries, but died in unclear circumstances later that day.

Libya's interim leaders have promised an investigation, responding to mounting international pressure.

On Monday, Beitalmal had said the three would be buried in unmarked graves in a secret location to prevent vandalism. Presumably, the graves would also be kept hidden to avoid turning them into shrines for Gadhafi loyalists.

Voters giving up hope for help from politicians, government

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Like just about everyone in the Phoenix area, Jen Pollock has lost several neighbors to foreclosure and short sales. And, like hundreds of thousands of others in Arizona, Pollock and her husband are upside down on their mortgage, owing about twice as much as their suburban house is now worth.

They don't want to walk away from it. They just wish someone would let them renegotiate their mortgage.

"The banks keep telling us they won't talk to us unless we miss some payments. But that would ruin our credit," said the 36-year-old mom as her son climbed around a north Phoenix playground.

Asked if she was upset by the lack of solutions being offered by presidential candidates for the housing crisis, she said she doesn't pay much attention to politics.

Across America, despite the hundreds protesting for limited government or more government action, a broad swath of the middle class hit hard by the crash in housing prices

is quietly resigned, given up on seeing any relief — particularly from politicians.

Police around country get reports about children that resemble missing Kansas City baby

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The reported sightings have come from as far as California, people just certain they've spotted the blond-haired Kansas City baby whose cherubic face has been printed on fliers and circulated on national television programs since her disappearance three weeks ago.

Yet so far, the some 200 calls fielded by Kansas City police have only generated a string of false positives in the search for Lisa Irwin.

The problem, officials say, is that at her age — just 10 months when she went missing on Oct. 4 — countless babies match the same description, right down to the bright blue eyes and two bottom teeth. She does have a distinguishing birth mark on her right thigh, but that would hardly be noticed from a distance.

"There is a kind of generic, cute little baby, little chubby cheek, bald-headed baby look," said Ernie Allen, president of the Center for Missing and Exploited Children. "But our message to the public is, look at her picture. Really look at her in the eyes. Don't just see a cute little baby but look in the child's face. Like every human being she is unique. She is different. She doesn't look like every baby."

Investigators in the past week have stepped up their focus on the parents Deborah Bradley and Jeremy Irwin, searching their home after a cadaver dog reacted to what seemed to be the scent of a dead person inside.



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Rangers lead World Series 3-2

ARLINGTON (AP) — Mike Napoli was dialed in, no matter who he was going to face.

A charmed season for Napoli and the Texas Rangers got even better Monday night, thanks to a most unlikely twist — a bullpen telephone mix-up.

After a dropped ball and a dropped call, of sorts, loaded the bases in the eighth inning, Napoli delivered a tie-breaking two-run double that beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 and gave Texas a 3-2 edge in the World Series.

The Rangers moved within one win of capturing their first crown, which they can do Wednesday night in St. Louis.

"We certainly won't be out there just thinking about we've just got to win one game," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "I've been there before, and that doesn't work."

And the Cardinals' approach? Maybe get a smartphone, or perhaps next time

they should try texting the bullpen.



Mike Napoli

Napoli's go-ahead stroke came off Marc Rzepczynski, right after a potential double-play ball slipped away from the St. Louis reliever, causing manager Tony La Russa to put his hands to his head in exasperation.

More bruising, at least to

the Cardinals: Rzepczynski wasn't even supposed to face Napoli.

La Russa said he called down to the bullpen earlier in the eighth and wanted Rzepczynski and closer Jason Motte to get ready. Instead, bullpen coach Derek Lilliquist heard only Rzepczynski at first. La Russa called again to ask for Motte and this time Lilliquist heard "Lynn," as in reliever Lance Lynn.

"I was more frustrated the double-play ball went off the glove and the fact we had numerous chances to add runs. That's probably more frustrating," La Russa said.

"The other part just happens. I mean, it's loud down there, and sometimes you call down there and you have to wait until the crowd and a guy gets up late. I mean, this is not unusual," he said.

Said Lilliquist: "You get a bunch of people, and it's loud."

"He wanted Motte going

easy to back Zep up and I thought I heard Lynn. It transpired from there," he said. "It's basically miscommunication. It was loud. A lot of places are like that. The phone is as good as any phone anywhere."

The right-handed Napoli, meanwhile, was set to face the left-handed Rzepczynski with the one out and the score 2-1.

"I didn't really see anybody warming up in the bullpen, so I kind of figured I was going to face him," Napoli said. "Just trying to get something to the outfield, you know, get a sac fly, get that run across the board," he said. "I was trying to stay short and I got a pitch I could handle out the middle of the plate and put it in the gap."

After Napoli put Texas ahead, the slugging catcher capped off his night of double duty by throwing out a would-be base stealer in the ninth as Albert Pujols struck out.

"Pujols is going to put it in play, he's a good contact hitter," Napoli said, "and they were just starting the runner, 3-2. As soon as I got it, I just got rid of it and put it on the bag."

In the seventh, Napoli threw out Allen Craig at second with Pujols at the plate. Apparently, Pujols put on his own hit-and-run, then didn't swing.

Texas can wrap it up in Game 6, with Colby Lewis facing Jaime Garcia. The weather is daunting, calling for rain and temperatures around 50.

If the Rangers eventually do win it all, the Texas fans who stood and chanted Napoli's name may forever remember his two-run hit.

If the Cardinals lose, there's no doubt which play will stick with La Russa for a

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Jaguars defeat Ravens with four field goals

JACKSONVILLE (AP) — As Maurice Jones-Drew walked off the field, his white pants had a mix of grass, dirt and blood stains. They might be worth keeping that way.

After all, few players have had that much success against that defense.

Jones-Drew ran for 105 yards, Josh Scobee kicked four field goals and the Jacksonville Jaguars snapped a five-game slide with a 12-7 victory over the Baltimore Ravens on Monday night.

"It finally feels good to win one after all those losses," said Jones-Drew, the first player to run for 100 yards against the Ravens since last December. "It was nice to show the world what we're about. We beat a very good team."

Stepping into the national spotlight for a few hours, the Jaguars used their best defensive effort in seven years to slow down Ray Rice, Joe Flacco and Co.

"You've got to give them credit. They played

like it was their Super Bowl," Ravens receiver Anquan Boldin said.

The victory could be a turning point for a young team trying to create confidence after losing eight of its previous nine games. Instead of talk about coach Jack Del Rio's job security, the Jaguars (2-5) got back in the mix in the wide-open AFC South.

"We knew this was an opportunity to right things and gain a little respect," Del Rio said.

They relied on Jones-

Drew and the defense to get it done.

Jacksonville didn't allow a first down until the 5:26 mark of the third quarter, a mix of stout defense and inept offense. Flacco finally got the Ravens (4-2) on the scoreboard with a little more than two minutes remaining. He capped a 90-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Boldin.

The Ravens failed to recover an onside kick

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Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings are to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

The Quarterback Club is selling yard signs for all Steers' activities. Parents can pick up a registration form at the ATC or call Denise Carrillo for more information.

CGSA meeting

The Coahoma Girls' Softball Association will hold a board meeting Wednesday. The meeting will be held in the Coahoma Community Center at 7 p.m.

Longhorns having trouble winning at home

AUSTIN (AP) — Not long ago, Texas was near unbeatable at home. There were only six losses in Royal-Memorial Stadium from 1998-2009, and Kansas State and Texas A&M were the only Big 12 teams to beat Texas in Austin.

Now the Longhorns can't seem to beat anybody from the Big 12 in their backyard.

Texas has lost five in a row at home in the Big 12. The last win came on Nov. 21, 2009, against Kansas when Colt McCoy said goodbye to the home crowd with a 51-20 rout. It has been nothing but losing since.

The Longhorns (4-2, 1-2), who had a week off after losing at home to No. 3 Oklahoma State, will be looking to end that skid Saturday night when they play woeful Kansas (2-5, 0-4).

The losing skid is "really unacceptable," senior safety Blake Gideon said Monday. Toss in a non-conference loss to UCLA last season, and Texas is 4-6 overall at home the last two sea-

sons.

"We really didn't protect our home stadium at all (in 2010)," Gideon said. "It's one thing to go on the road and get beat, but to not be able to protect your own field and have somebody come in here and run the ball down your throat, that's a huge deal. It's important to get some home wins."

The Big 12 home losing skid started against Iowa State. Then came losses to Baylor, Oklahoma State and Texas A&M.

Texas began this season with non-conference home wins over Rice and BYU, but the losing started again when the Big 12 schedule rolled around.

Baylor hadn't beaten Texas in Austin since 1991. Oklahoma State hadn't won there since 1944, and then did it twice in a row.

Texas coach Mack Brown and his staff are acutely aware that if they hope to turn around the program,

winning at home is a must.

"We tried to put a huge emphasis on it this summer," Brown said. "We've got to make sure we do well at home to have the season that we want."

To drive home the point, Texas players were put through workouts that including running the steps all the way to the top of the stadium for a view that few of the players, if any, had ever seen.

What they saw below them was a stadium and field they are supposed to protect against any outsiders.

"The message was, 'Don't get beat in your home stadium,'" senior guard David Snow said. "Get back to the Texas standard that was set by guys before us."

Yet the losing hasn't stopped at the city limits. The Longhorns have been dreadful on the road in the Big 12, as well.

Texas is 1-7 in its last eight Big 12 games. To put that in perspective,

Texas lost seven Big 12 games from 2004-09.

Kansas looks like a team that could help Texas turn things around.

The Jayhawks have lost five in a row with several blowouts. Kansas ranks last in total defense and has given up at least 45 points in each of the five losses.

But Brown noted Monday that last season Iowa State had been outscored 120-27 in consecutive defeats before coming to Austin and beating Texas 28-21.

That loss still haunts Brown, and he is confident his players haven't forgotten it, either.

And because of it, the Longhorns won't take Kansas for granted, Brown said.

"Everybody around here thought (Iowa State) couldn't possibly beat us," Brown said. "This team has a better feel of knowing we've got a long way to go."

McCourt stole \$190 million from Dodgers organization

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dodgers owner Frank McCourt looted nearly \$190 million from the Los Angeles team, using the money for non-baseball use in violation of Major League Baseball rules, according to Delaware bankruptcy court documents filed on Monday.

MLB Commissioner Bud Selig wants to oust McCourt.

Using team revenue for non-baseball use is one of 10 MLB rules broken by McCourt, the league said. A violation of any league rules are grounds

for termination of McCourt's franchise.

The league claimed McCourt funneled \$73 million in parking revenue through Blue Land Co., a non-team related entity, and he used \$61 million in team revenue to pay off personal debts. The court documents also said McCourt took \$55 million from team revenue for personal use.

"The Dodgers are in bankruptcy because McCourt has taken almost \$190 million out of the club and has complete-

ly alienated the Dodgers' fan base," the league said.

A flurry of bankruptcy documents filed Monday also said San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow, who was severely beaten in the Dodger Stadium parking lot on opening day, could be a central figure in next week's critical bankruptcy court hearing in Dover, Del. Stow lawyer Thomas Girardi has said his client's medical bills could exceed \$50 million.

Stow's representatives sit on the official committee of

creditors.

An earlier court document said there were 197 sworn police officers were on duty the day Stow was attacked, and it noted McCourt was the Dodgers owner to hire uniformed Los Angeles police officers.

"McCourt, however, omits the fact that he removed uniformed officers before the 2011 season, including the opening game when Stow was so seriously injured," the league responded in its filing on Monday.

The creditors' committee

and Fox Sports each asked the bankruptcy judge to deny the Dodgers' bid to auction television rights.

The TV deal is key to McCourt's strategy to emerge from bankruptcy as the team's owner.

The Times says the Dodgers asked the judge to extend their exclusive window to propose a restructuring plan until April 25, saying Major League Baseball and Fox refuse to work cooperatively with McCourt.

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when the ball bounced inches short of going the required 10 yards. Scobee followed with his third field goal of at least 50 yards, tying an NFL record held by many.

"As long as I'm getting those opportunities, I will gladly take them," Scobee said. "Given that we haven't scored a lot of points this season, I know that every time I'm out there it's very important."

Baltimore had a final possession, but in fitting fashion, Jacksonville's defense came up big. Drew Coleman stepped in front of Ed Dickson and intercepted Flacco's final pass.

The Ravens finished with 146 total yards, the fewest yards the Jaguars have allowed since 2004.

"They basically beat us with their defense," coach John Harbaugh said. "I don't think it was any one thing. It was a lack of execution. It's almost as bad as you can play on offense."

The Jaguars set a franchise record by allowing only 16 yards in the first half, including 1 yard passing by Flacco, who was under relentless pressure for much of the night.

"We need to make sure when we're not on our 'A' game, we're not

this," said Flacco, who completed 21 of 38 passes for 137 yards.

Baltimore finally got a first down on its 28th play of the game when Rice broke off a 12-yard run. That was only the second play longer than 10 yards for the Ravens.

"We were confident about this game," Jaguars defensive tackle Terrance Knighton said.

"We knew we had to outplay them. The difference between this and the other weeks is that we started fast. Our defense is capable of that. That's why we hold ourselves to a high standard. We just needed to taste victory. Now that we have, we're going to keep it rolling."

The teams combined to go 0 of 16 on third-down conversions in the opening half.

The Jaguars began the third quarter with six first downs, only for the Ravens defense to stiffen after yet another mistake.

The Ravens stopped Jacksonville, but Brendon Ayanbadejo was called for a personal foul and ejected from the game when he punched Guy Whimper in the facemask after the play. That gave the Jaguars first-and-goal from the 3, but Blaine Gabbert failed to complete two passes in the end zone and Scobee kicked a 22-

yard field goal.

An earlier field goal was set up by another Baltimore blunder.

After Gabbert completed passes of 24 and 11 yards to the Ravens 38, Gabbert was sacked on third-and-8 at the 40. The Jaguars chose to punt, but Paul Kruger was penalized for running into the kicker.

The 5-yard penalty put Scobee in field goal range, putting the Jaguars up 6-0 with a 54-yard kick.

Scobee, who extended his franchise record with a field goal for the 15th straight game, kicked two 54-yarders.

Jacksonville needed every yard and point it could muster.

The NFL's worst offense put the game on the shoulders of Jones-Drew.

He carried 30 times, most of them right into the middle of Baltimore's revered defense.

"We just grinded them," Gabbert said. "Mojo's a beast back there."

NOTES: Ravens S Ed Reed had his shoulder popped back into place in the fourth quarter, but returned after a few plays off.

Houston's Arian Foster was the last player to run for at least 100 yards against Baltimore.

The Jaguars, who snapped a six-game losing streak in prime time, improved to 7-3 on Monday night.

Rice ran eight times for 28 yards.

Baltimore's star was Sam Koch, who punted nine times for a 52.2 yard average.

U.S. downs Cuba in Pan Am games

GUADALAJARA (AP) — Even if it isn't quite the "Miracle on Grass," it's still a victory over Cuba, and it's still a big deal for the U.S. baseball team.

The United States upset its biggest rival 12-10 Monday in the baseball semifinals at the Pan American Games, knocking the 10-time defending champion Cubans off the top of the medal podium for the first time since 1967.

"This is the fifth time I've played Cuba, and we finally beat them," said U.S. shortstop Jordy Mercer, who doubled in two runs in the fourth inning. "I told the guys that Cuba will never give up and to keep battling, and sure enough they came back. It's just a credit to this team that we kept fighting."

Cuba has dominated baseball at the quadrennial games since the first tournament in 1951. It has won 12 of the 15 titles, including every one between 1971 and 2007. The United States, which beat the Cubans to win the gold in 1967, has finished second to Cuba eight times.

"I thought Saturday's game against Mexico was one of my top baseball moments all-time, but this game just jumped ahead," Mercer said, comparing Monday's game to the tight 3-2 loss to the host country in front of a raucous crowd.

Although the baseball victory didn't add to the gold medal tally, the United States still won five more titles on Day 10 of the Pan American Games to bring its leading total to 62 gold and 165 overall.

The U.S. won the women's team all-around in gymnastics for the 14th time, while Jordan Burroughs took gold in the men's 74-kilogram freestyle wrestling category and Jacob Varner won the 96-kilogram class. Weston Kelsey later won the men's epee and Lee Kiefer won the women's individual foil.

But those golds weren't as surprising as Monday's baseball victory.

The Americans cranked out 11 hits, and everyone in the lineup got at least one in Lagos de Moreno. Jordan Danks and Brett Carroll were the only players with two hits.

The U.S. took a 2-0 lead in the top of the third when Jim Gallagher doubled in two runs. The Americans scored five more in the fourth and stretched their lead to 12-2 by the fifth. They then held on as the Cubans chipped away.

"We jumped out to an early lead, but at no point did we think we were going to run away with it," U.S. manager Ernie Young said.

"Cuba is a great team and their players showed their fight today. They never gave up, but neither did our guys, and we held on for the win."

Although the victory isn't nearly as momentous as the U.S. hockey team's win over the Soviet Union at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics, known as the "Miracle on Ice," it was still a big barrier to clear.

And the next step will be in Tuesday's final against Canada, which beat Mexico 5-3.

"We've got one more game to go, and our guys know that," Young said. "This team has seen its ups and down this month, but we've never lost confidence. The players know exactly what they need to do tomorrow."

The United States was playing with professional players, something it didn't do at the Pan American Games four years ago in Rio de Janeiro. Cuba, meanwhile, was coming off a loss to the Netherlands last week in the Baseball World Cup final.

In gymnastics, the team of Bridgette Caquatto, Jessie DeZiel, Brandie Jay, Shawn Johnson, Grace McLaughlin and Bridget Sloan combined to score 219.750 points.

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long, long time.

It was tied when Texas put runners on first and second with one out in the eighth, and Rzepczynski was summoned. David Murphy followed with a bouncer back to the mound, a possible inning-ending double play in the making.

But the ball appeared to glance off Rzepczynski's hand and trickled harmlessly away for a single that loaded the bases. In the dugout, La Russa immediately threw his hands to his head, a true "Oh, no!" moment.

Napoli, who came

close to a three-run homer in his previous at-bat and hit a big homer in a Game 4 win, sent a drive up the alley against the pitcher with the nickname "Scrabble." The double off Rzepczynski sure spelled good things for Texas, with the excitable Washington waving the runners around from the dugout.

Darren Oliver earned the win and Neftali Feliz closed for his second save of the Series and sixth of the postseason.

Adrian Beltre and Mitch Moreland hit solo home runs off Cardinals ace Chris Carpenter. Texas had fallen behind 2-0 early with C.J. Wilson pitching.

Later, it became a battle of the bullpens and Texas prevailed.

Octavio Dotel gave up a leadoff double to Young in the eighth, struck out Beltre and in-

tentionally walked Nelson Cruz. That left it up to Rzepczynski, and the game quickly slipped away.

La Russa appeared stunned by the turnaround. Later in the eighth, because of the mix-up, he brought in Lynn and had him issue an intentional walk to the only batter he faced. Motte eventually ended the inning, but it was too late.

Fittingly, Napoli had a role in the final play. Lance Berkman struck out and the ball hit Napoli's shin guard and trickled up the first base line, where the catcher picked it up and tossed to first base to end the game.

Pujols drew three intentional walks, including a pass with two outs and none on in the seventh. The St. Louis slugger then nearly used

his legs to put his team ahead.

Pujols was running hard on a 3-2 pitch that Matt Holliday hit for a single to left-center. Pujols chugged around the bags and third base coach Jose Oquendo initially waved him home, only to put up a late stop sign.

Would Pujols have been safe on shortstop Elvis Andrus' wide throw to the plate? Maybe. But it became moot when Berkman was intentionally walked to load the bases and David Freese flied out against Alexi Ogando.

NOTES: Playing on his 34th birthday, Rafael Furcal led off the game with a liner that 3B Beltre backhanded. Furcal started Game 4 the same way.

Wilson matched the postseason record for walks — 19 — set by Cleveland's Jaret Wright in 1997. Wilson's 11 walks in the World Series are the most since Allie Reynolds in 1951. ... Cardinals reliever Arthur Rhodes turned 42. He's the oldest player to celebrate a birthday while playing in the Series. Jim Palmer was 38 in 1983.

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2	3	4	7	6	9	1	8	5
8	5	6	1	4	3	2	9	7
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no way around it. No matter how attractive and aligned with the universe you are, at some point getting what you want will require effort. That point comes today, and you couldn't be more ready for it.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Whereas many around you seem dissatisfied, you tune in to your environment and notice much that is good in it. You can be a quiet leader in this regard, influencing others with nothing more than your manner of being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Out of these snatches of things seen, heard or otherwise perceived, you form some rather unique conclusions. Your point of view is a rare one, and with a little creativity, you can turn it into great art.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Punctuality is

important to you, though today you may find it stressful to accomplish. One way not to be late is to have nowhere to be. Consider clearing your schedule for a few days.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone can benefit from objective feedback. But not everyone can take it. You'll be among the emotionally strong ones. With great maturity, you will learn all you need to know to move to the next level.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're a friendly person who realizes that not everyone can be as outgoing as you. A happy-go-lucky mood makes it easier for you to put yourself out there. If you don't get the reaction you would prefer, it's no big deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be an excellent negotiator because you won't get caught up in matters of pride. There's little that would hurt your feelings about the deal anyhow; it's just business. Seeing things like this gives you an advantage.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your creed is: Nothing ventured, nothing gained. You enter into new situations, ready to think on your feet. Don't pressure yourself to take things too far, though. It's probably enough just to smile and say hello.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 25). Your star qualities will be recognized, in part because you sense what your best ideas are and push forward until you see them in reality. There's a career breakthrough in December. January offers new excitement on a personal level. You'll see new parts of the world in March and June. Love signs are Sagittarius and Aquarius. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 20, 40 and 13.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "My best friend and I get together and inevitably wind up talking about how frustrated we are with our husbands and how hard it is to be a wife these days with so many responsibilities, like driving the kids everywhere, cooking, cleaning and keeping up with our jobs, too. Our husbands work all day and want to come home and have us feed them and clean up after them,

which we do even though we are sick and tired of the inequality of the arrangement. I sometimes feel like an indentured servant to my family. Anyway, the other day I was launching into another gripe fest, and my friend, whom I love, tells me that she can't complain with me anymore because it's making her too depressed. Meanwhile, I'm depressed not having an outlet anymore. What should I do? I'm a Leo."

Leos prize loyalty, and you may see your friend's change of habit as a betrayal. However, you might also choose to see it as an opportunity to take action to improve your lot. While it's healthy to vent your anger now and then, there is a fine line between letting off steam and creating a toxic pattern that keeps you stuck. Reading about how other women find balance will inspire you to think positively and be proactive.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Born today in the year 1881, Pablo Picasso became one of the best known figures in 20th-century art. His natal sun and Mercury in Scorpio suggests the boldness of a rebel and a gift for transformation. A Sagittarius moon urged him to explore and experiment, while Venus in aesthetic Libra insisted on beauty and balance. As a co-founder of the Cubist movement, Picasso shaped the way we see art today.

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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.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

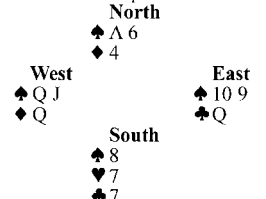
Famous Hand — Part 2

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 6 3
♥ K J
♦ A K 4 2
♣ K 4 3 2
WEST
♠ Q J 4 2
♥ 8 3
♦ Q 8 7 6 5
♣ 9 8
EAST
♠ 10 9 7 5
♥ Q 9 2
♦ 10 3
♣ Q J 10 6
SOUTH
♠ K 8
♥ A 10 7 6 5 4
♦ J 9
♣ A 7 5

The bidding:
South 1♥
West Pass
North 2 NT
East Pass
3♥
4♥
5♥
5 NT

Opening lead — three of hearts.
Yesterday, we saw how Zia Mahmood, playing on the Nick Nickell team in the final of last year's Rosenblum Teams, made six hearts on this deal by not drawing trumps and instead throwing the opponents into the lead with three tricks to go to force them to resolve the question of who had the missing queen of hearts. Bidding and making this tenuous slam would certainly seem to offer the prospect of a significant gain for Zia's team, but, as mentioned at the close of yesterday's column, it resulted in a 13-IMP loss! The adverse swing effectively put an end

to the Nickell team's chances for a comeback in the final 16 deals. As can be seen, the auction at the second table, where Fred Gitelman and Brad Moss of the winning John Diamond team held the North-South cards, was even more ambitious, ending with Moss in seven hearts. Moss got off to a fast start when West elected to lead a trump, picking up his partner's queen in the process, but there was still the matter of South's club loser, which seemed unavoidable. However, Moss proceeded to prove otherwise. He won the heart queen with the ace and returned a heart to the king. Next came a spade to the king, the heart ten, and then the A-K of diamonds on a diamond ruff. Moss next cashed a trump and played the K-A of clubs to produce this ending:



When Moss now played the heart seven, West had to let go of a spade in order to keep the diamond queen. Moss then discarded dummy's diamond, whereupon East was also forced to discard a spade in order to keep the club queen. Moss then scored the last two tricks with the A-6 of spades to make the grand slam.

Tomorrow: The killing shift.
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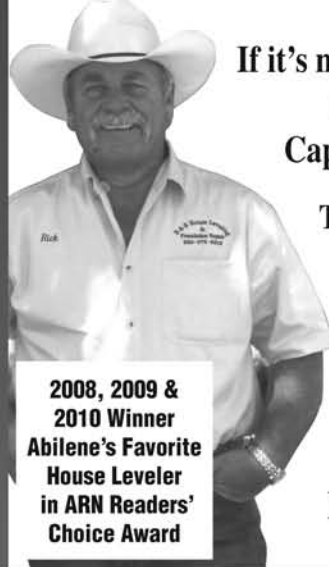
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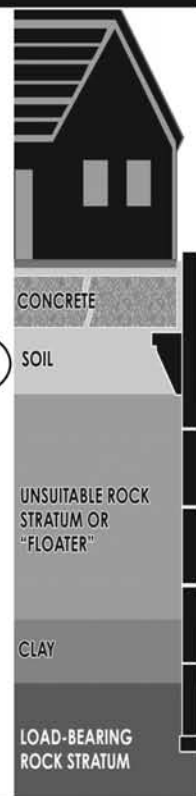
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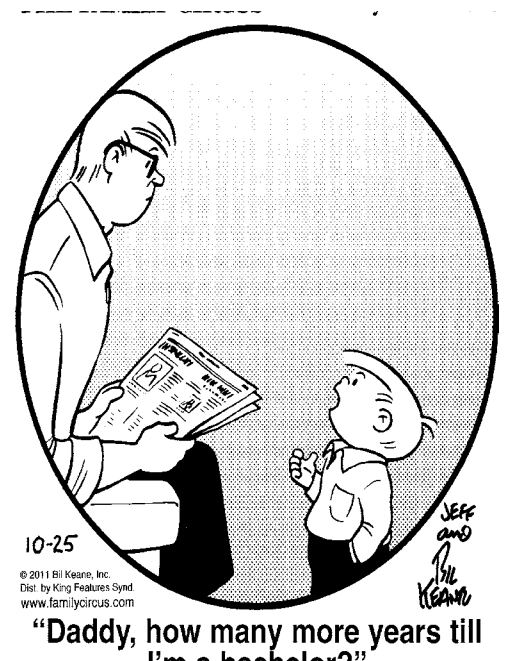
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DENNIS THE MENACE



"LOOK HOW MANY TIMES I CAN MAKE IT BEEP!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, how many more years till I'm a bachelor?"

HAGAR



WHY DON'T WE WAIT UNTIL THEY RUN OUT OF ARROWS?

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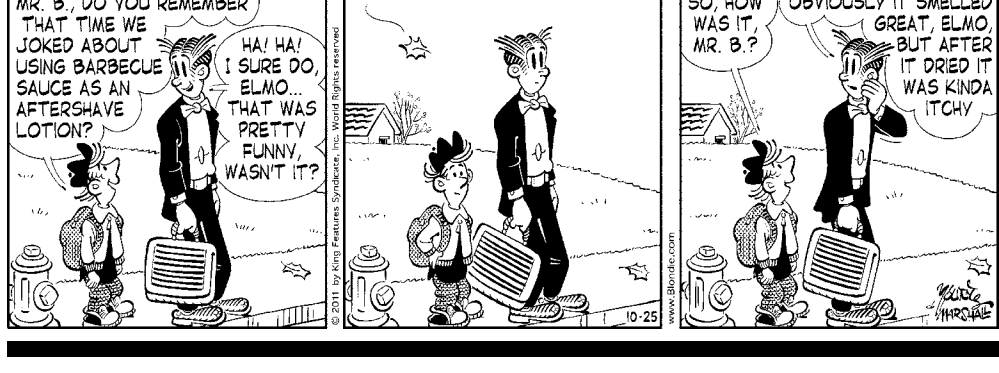
WHAT DO YOU TAKE FOR PAIN? ME? NOTHING. BUT KEEP THAT ONE BETWEEN US.

BLONDIE



MR. B., DO YOU REMEMBER THAT TIME WE JOKED ABOUT USING BARBECUE SAUCE AS AN AFTERSHAVE LOTION? HA! HA! I SURE DO, ELMO... THAT WAS PRETTY FUNNY, WASN'T IT?

WIZARD OF ID



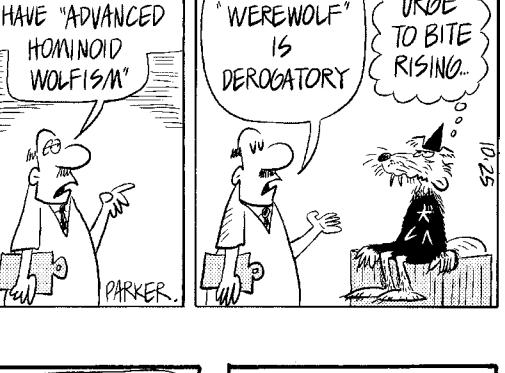
WIZ, IS THAT YOU? YEAH, DOC, I WAS PERFORMING SOME EXPERIMENTS... NEXT THING I KNEW, I WAS A WEREWOLF

AGNES



HI, AGNES! I'M BOB! SIGH... AGAIN WITH THE OLD 'I'M BOB!' INTRODUCTION?

HI AND LOIS



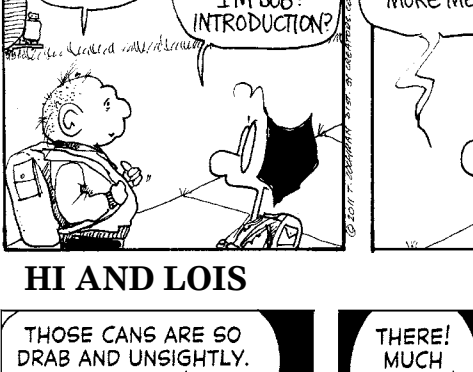
THIS HURTS MY FEELINGS! I THOUGHT MY REJECTIONS WERE MORE MEMORABLE THAN THAT. I'M SORRY. IT'S OKAY. REJECTING YOU AGAIN MAKES UP FOR IT.

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2011. There are 67 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 25, 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men charged the Russian army despite hopeless odds and suffered heavy losses. On this date: In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II. In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown went on trial in Charles Town, Va., for his failed raid at Harpers Ferry. (Brown was convicted and hanged.) In 1881, artist Pablo Picasso was born in Malaga, Spain. In 1910, "America the Beautiful," with words by Katharine Lee Bates and music by Samuel A. Ward, was first published. In 1929, former Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall was convicted in Washington, D.C., of accepting a \$100,000 bribe from oil tycoon Edward L. Doheny. (Fall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$100,000; he ended up serving nine months.) In 1951, peace talks aimed at ending the Korean War resumed in Panmunjom after 63 days. In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council. In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan. In 1981, on the centenary of the birth of Pablo Picasso, the artist's painting "Guernica" was returned to Spain after spending four decades in the possession of the Museum of Modern Art in New York. In 1986, in Game 6 of the World Series, the Boston Red Sox lost to the New York Mets, 6-5, on a wild pitch and an error in the tenth inning, forcing a seventh game, which the Mets ended up winning. Today's Birthdays: Former American League president Dr. Bobby Brown is 87. Actress Jeanne Cooper is 83. Actress Marion Ross is 83. Country singer Jeanne Black is 74. Basketball Hall of Famer Bobby Knight is 71. Author Anne Tyler is 70. Rock singer Jon Anderson (Yes) is 67. Political strategist James Carville is 67. Singer Taffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 67. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 64. Movie director Julian Schnabel is 60. Rock musician Matthias Jabs is 55. Actress Nancy Cartwright ("The Simpsons") is 54. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer Brown) is 53. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers; Chickenfoot) is 50.

Answer to previous puzzle. A crossword grid with words like STOP, SORT, ISLES, PACE, TREE, SLAVE, ABCS, ASAP, RAVEN, SOUTHPOLE, APART, MORSEL, EVES, REPS, ALTER, SNAGS, IWON, IPOD, HOBO, STAGE, CEDE, YELL, EARL, SKEET, LEDGE, MESA, ENDS, ONRAMP, ECONO, COFFEEBAR, ALARM, ABIT, CASE, TAOHO, LORE, ATOP, SPUDS, DEER, PENS.

THE OTHER COAST



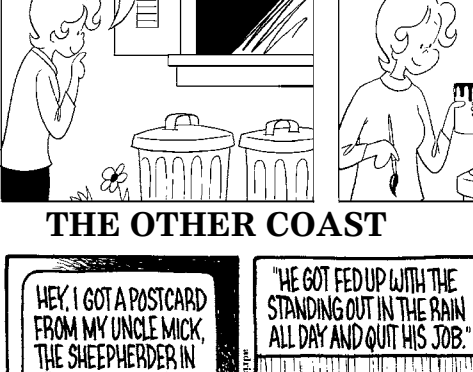
THOSE CANS ARE SO DRAB AND UNSIGHTLY. I KNOW, I'LL DECORATE THEM! THERE! MUCH BETTER!

SNUFFY SMITH



HEY, I GOT A POSTCARD FROM MY UNCLE MICK, THE SHEEPHERDER IN OTAGO, NEW ZEALAND. "HE GOT FED UP WITH THE STANDING OUT IN THE RAIN ALL DAY AND QUIT HIS JOB." SO MICK'S NO LONGER HERDING? NOT EXACTLY. "HE'S HERDING TOURISTS IN FIJI." YO, GO GET ME ANOTHER BEER.

BEEBLE BAILEY



YOU STILL GOT A CRUSH ON JUGHAID SMIF, SAMANTHY JANE? NO!! HE CALLED ME A NAME!!

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SOMETHING TELLS ME THIS GUY WILL BE MORE TROUBLE THAN BEEBLE

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