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No new challengers in local primaries

By THOMAS JENKINS
 Staff Writer
 As filing in this year's political party primaries came to a close last week — for the second time this election season, thanks to the blanket of distractions caused by the ongoing redistricting debacle — Howard County officials say they are moving forward with May 29 as the date for

the upcoming elections. Sandra Bloom, elections administrator for the county, said the secondary filing period ended Friday with no additional filings made locally. "We're in the process of getting the ballot together now that filings for the primaries are officially closed," Bloom said. "I feel pretty confident at this point we'll be able to move forward with May 29 as

"I feel pretty confident at this point we'll be able to move forward with May 29 as the date for the primaries. It would take something pretty drastic to change it now."

Sandra Bloom, elections administrator



that may help Republicans keep control of the U.S. House of Representatives. The justices unanimously told a lower court panel comprised of U.S. District Judge Orlando Garcia and two other judges to create maps more similar to the Republican-controlled state Legislature's plan.

The dispute stems from
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Feds nix ID law

Voter suppression or protecting the democratic process?

GARY SCHARRER
 San Antonio Express-News, writer
 A federal court in Washington will now decide whether Texas can enforce its new Voter ID law after the U.S. Justice Department on Monday rejected the restrictive voting measure, contending state leaders failed to prove that it would not discriminate against minority voters.
 At least 603,892 and as many as 795,955 registered voters in Texas do not have a Texas driver's license, according to documents provided to the Justice Department by the State of Texas.
 "According to the state's own data, a Hispanic registered voter is at least 46.5 percent, and potentially 120 percent, more likely than a non-Hispanic registered voter to lack this identification," Assistant Attorney General Thomas E. Perez said in a letter to Texas Elections Director Keith Ingram.
 "Even using the data most favorable to the state,"

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Construction crews work at installing artificial turf at Memorial Stadium early Tuesday morning. The project — which will cost Big Spring Independent School District approximately \$800,000 — is expected to be completed sometime in May, according to school district officials.

HERALD Photos/Thomas Jenkins



Eggleston book signing set Wednesday

Herald Staff Report
 Former Big Spring and Howard County law officer Mike Eggleston will be at the Howard County Library Wednesday, signing copies of

his book, "The True Story of the Sharpest Ever."

Eggleston's life centered on cattle and cattle trucks before becoming a police officer in Howard County. On four different occasions while he was a patrolman with the Big

Spring police Department he captured burglars in the act of burglary.

He advanced to the lead of the major crimes task force, where he was successful in solving crimes and making drug busts (sometimes as many as three per day). Eggleston received several

letters of commendation, including one from the government of Texas. Also, he was assigned to help protect President Ford when he visited Big Spring to turn Webb Air Force base over to the city.

Eggleston is retired and living near Dunn, Texas. He has written several other books, including "Distorted Pillars," which was written under his pen name, Mike McKee.
 The public is invited to Wednesday's book signing from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the library. Eggleston's books will be available for purchase.



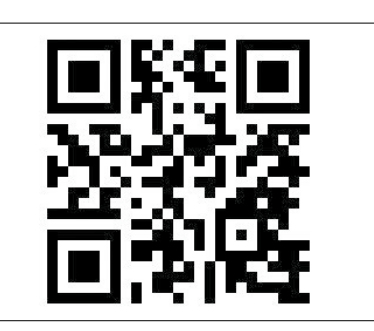
Mike Eggleston

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Obituaries

Josefina De La Rosa Rodriguez



Josefina De La Rosa Rodriguez, 57, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 11, 2012, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Jerry Duenes officiating. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born Aug. 20, 1954, in Parras, Coahuila, Mexico, to Guadalupe and Roman De La Rosa. She lived most of her life in Howard County. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by five sons, Ricardo Rodriguez Jr., Cesar Rodriguez, Jose De La Rosa Rodriguez, Oscar Rodriguez and his wife Barbara, and Carlos De La Rosa Rodriguez and his wife Andrea, all of Big Spring; mother, Lupe De La Rosa of Laredo; four brothers, Henry De La Rosa of Sand Springs, Alberto De La Rosa, Roman De La Rosa, and Pepito De La Rosa, all of Laredo; five sisters, Linda Tapia, Evangelina Martinez, Guadalupe De La Rosa, Mary Lou Ramirez and Vicky Hernandez, all of Laredo; and five grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by one sister, Veronica De La Rosa.

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

Amy Phillips

Amy Phillips, 31, of Big Spring died Sunday, March 11, 2012, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Peggy Atchison

Peggy Atchison, 82, of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Big Spring died Monday, March 12, 2012, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1405 Wood St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DAVID REY GONZALES, 41, of 404 N.E. Piner St., was arrested Monday on charges of warrant from other agency and possession of controlled substance less than one gram in drug free zone.
- BURGLARY OF BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of Birdwell Lane.
- ASSAULT was reported: In the 800 block of S. Owens Street. In the 700 block of Creighton Street.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2100 block of Runnels Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 64 inmates at the time of this

report.

• DAVID R GONZALES, 41, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than one gram in drug free zone and parole violation.

• SHERREE ANNETTE WARD, 33, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of no drivers license, driving while license invalid, failure to appear (three counts), display expired registration and fail to maintain financial responsibility.

• JOHN LEYVA, 20, was arrested Monday on a charge of DWI.

• JORDAN KIZER, 18, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of ride not secured by safety belt — passenger, violate promise to appear credit card or debit card abuse.

• JAMIE PRESTON TURNER, 40, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

Take Note

• Effective immediately, the Blankenship Field track will be closed to the general public. The band practice field (located to the west of the track) is available for walking. There will be a timer that will turn on the lights for early morning walkers and the lights will come back on late in the evening for those who want to walk at night.

• Benefit for the oldest Harley shop in Texas, Walker family, to be held March 17 at Xiled Clubhouse. There will be food, fun and games with special auction. Gates open at noon and charge is \$10 at the door. Contact 432-270-1212 for more information.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

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

• 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.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas

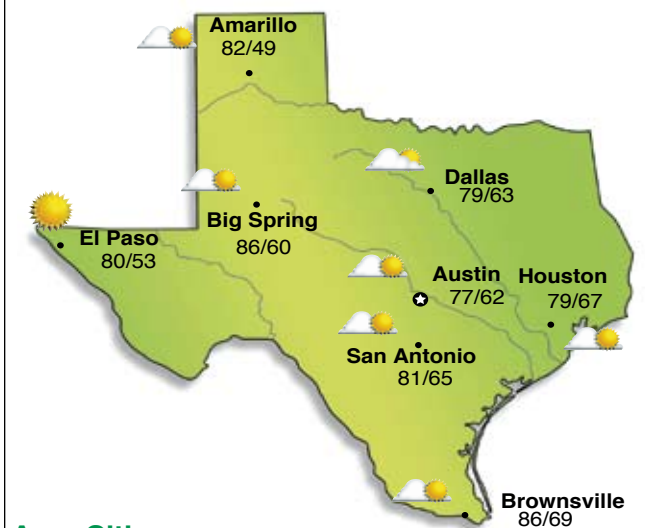
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 3/14	Thu 3/15	Fri 3/16	Sat 3/17	Sun 3/18
86/60 Overcast. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High 83F.	81/61 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.	80/60 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	80/58 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	84/57 Sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:58 AM Sunset: 7:53 PM	Sunrise: 7:57 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:56 AM Sunset: 7:54 PM	Sunrise: 7:54 AM Sunset: 7:55 PM	Sunrise: 7:53 AM Sunset: 7:56 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	82	61	pt sunny	Kingsville	85	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	82	49	pt sunny	Livingston	81	63	pt sunny
Austin	77	62	pt sunny	Longview	80	63	cloudy
Beaumont	80	66	pt sunny	Lubbock	82	55	pt sunny
Brownsville	86	69	pt sunny	Lufkin	82	64	cloudy
Brownwood	83	63	pt sunny	Midland	84	61	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	79	69	pt sunny	Raymondville	87	69	pt sunny
Corsicana	77	62	cloudy	Rosenberg	79	67	pt sunny
Dallas	79	63	cloudy	San Antonio	81	65	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	64	cloudy	San Marcos	78	63	pt sunny
El Paso	80	53	sunny	Sulphur Springs	79	63	cloudy
Fort Stockton	85	60	pt sunny	Sweetwater	83	60	pt sunny
Gainesville	80	60	cloudy	Tyler	79	63	cloudy
Greenville	77	61	cloudy	Weatherford	78	60	pt sunny
Houston	79	67	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	83	60	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	55	drizzle	Minneapolis	65	51	pt sunny
Boston	67	47	rain	New York	71	52	rain
Chicago	66	47	pt sunny	Phoenix	79	50	sunny
Dallas	79	63	cloudy	San Francisco	59	54	rain
Denver	71	43	pt sunny	Seattle	41	35	mixed
Houston	79	67	pt sunny	St. Louis	79	57	sunny
Los Angeles	66	50	sunny	Washington, DC	78	55	pt sunny
Miami	82	68	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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Texas briefs

Official: arrested judge candidate could still run

CONROE, Texas (AP) — An attorney who was arrested while seeking to run for district judge in Texas could still be on the ballot.

The chairman of the Republican Party in Montgomery County north of Houston says Jessica Siegel's application hasn't been rejected.

Walter Wilkerson told the Conroe Courier that the party is in the process of "seeing what we can do" for Siegel, who was taken into custody by Texas Rangers Friday at the county's Republican Headquarters.

Siegel was arrested on a charge of tampering with a government record for allegedly providing false information on her application. She was held overnight on a \$21,500 bond and

released Saturday when a magistrate reduced the bond to \$3,000.

The Courier said Siegel was in Washington D.C. Monday speaking with officials regarding her arrest.

Kirby mom gets jail, daughter, 4, trapped in car

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A South Texas woman must serve two years in state jail over the 2008 death of her 4-year-old daughter who was trapped in a hot car.

A judge in San Antonio on Monday sentenced Rhonda West of Kirby. Prosecutors say West fell asleep in her home while her daughter, Kamryn, played outside with other children.

The girl became trapped in a 1993 car with no inner door handles. She died Sept. 27, 2008, of heat exhaustion.

Woman apparently takes own life

Herald Staff Report

Law enforcement officials say an autopsy has been ordered in what appears to be the suicide of a 31-year-old Big Spring woman reported Sunday evening.

Amy Phillips, 31, was discovered at her residence by emergency responders shortly after a 911 call was received just after 8:50 p.m. Sunday, the victim of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

According to Howard County Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman, a final ruling in

the local woman's death won't be made until autopsy results are received by her office.

"As with all cases of apparent suicide, we won't make a final determination in the case until the medical examiner has completed the autopsy," Wiseman said. "At this time we don't have any reason to believe the gunshot wound is anything other than self-inflicted, however."

Wiseman said depending on what the medical examiner finds in his preliminary report, it could be some time before a final ruling of sui-

cide is reached.

"If the ME finds by the evidence that it is obviously a self-inflicted gunshot wound, I'll be able to make the ruling fairly quickly," Wiseman said. "However, if he doesn't, then we may have to wait for the toxicology and other reports, which could take several months to receive. At this point we just have to wait and see what the medical examiner finds."

Contact the Big Spring Herald at 263-7331 or by e-mail at newsdesk@big-springherald.com

PRIMARIES

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maps drawn last year by the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature after the 2010 census. Gov. Rick Perry, until recently a candidate for president, signed the maps into law. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Jan. 20 that federal judges in Texas overstepped their authority by drawing up interim voting plans.

Bloom said the redistricting issues isn't likely to have an impact on Howard County come

election day, although at least one key piece of legislation has changed since this time last year.

"Last year, when folks were coming in to vote we were told to inform them about the Voter ID law, which was set to go into effect in time for these elections," Bloom said. "It would have required voters to present a photo ID before they could cast their ballot, and we wanted to prepare our local voters so it wouldn't come as a big surprise this year."

"However, the Department of Justice has

since rejected the state's Voter ID law, meaning it will not go into effect. Voters will be able to cast their ballot in the same manner they did last year. They are still required to register, as before, but the requirement to present a photo ID will not be in place."

Seats up for election in the 2012 election include 118th Judicial District Attorney, currently held by Hardy Wilkerson; Howard County sheriff, currently held by Stan Parker; county attorney, held by Joshua Hamby; tax assessor collector, held by Kathy Sayles;

Precinct 3 county commissioner, held by Jimmie Long; and Precinct 1 county commissioner, held by Emma Brown.

Parker has filed to run for re-election, as have Long, Green and Wilkerson. Parker has drawn an opponent in local resident M.O. Horton. The two will face off on the Republican ticket, according to election officials.

Brown has drawn a trio of challengers, as Howard County Jailer Larry Torres, former Big Spring City Council member Oscar Garcia and Ed Ware, who has

attempted to unseat the longtime commissioner previously, will face off for the Precinct 1 seat on the court.

Brown will face Torres in the Democratic primary, while Garcia and Ware will have to compete for the Republican nomination for the seat.

Longtime Tax Collector and Assessor Sayles announced she will not be running for re-election. However, Diane Carter, an employee of tax collection office, will be running unopposed for the office on the Republican ticket.

Also running unopposed are Long, Green and Wilkerson. All three are running on the Republican ticket.

For more information on the upcoming elections, contact the Howard County Elections Administration at 432-264-2273.

Contact Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

VOTER

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Hispanics disproportionately lack either a driver's license or a personal identification card issued by DPS, and that disparity is statistically significant."

Reactions to the Justice Department's action broke along partisan lines.

Democrats complained the law's primary purpose is to make it harder for students, the elderly and low-income Texans to vote.

They view it as voter suppression to help Anglo Republicans keep political power longer in a state where a majority of the public school enrollment is now Hispanic.

Republican leaders insisted the law is constitutional and is designed to protect the democratic process.

Even before the DOJ action Monday, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott had filed suit, hoping to convince federal judges that the law does not "deny or abridge" Texans the right to vote.

"The state knew it wouldn't prevail with the DOJ," said Lydia Camarillo, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project vice president. "That's why

Abbott went directly to the lawsuit."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry said: "Texas has a responsibility to ensure elections are fair, beyond reproach and accurately reflect the will of voters."

The DOJ has no valid reason for rejecting this important law, which requires nothing more extensive than the type of photo identification necessary to receive a library card or board an airplane.

Another denial is yet another example of the Obama Administration's continuing and pervasive federal overreach."

Those who applauded the Justice Department noted that getting library cards or boarding planes is a privilege — not a right, as is voting.

"Should this legislation ever see the light of day, it would immediately become the strictest voter qualification law since the poll tax," said Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, D-San Antonio, chairman of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

"Worse yet, photo identification requirements for voters drastically affect the electoral participation of the poor, the elderly, and the transient, which means those who need their government's ear

most will be the last to be heard."

Texas must win federal approval of any changes affecting elections because of portions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Section 5 of the law obligates Texas and several other mostly Southern states with a history of discrimination against minorities to demonstrate that election law revisions "have neither the purpose nor the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or membership in a language minority group."

There are 31 states that have voter ID laws. Legal challenges are underway in several states, including Texas, South Carolina, Wisconsin and Kansas.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, said it's

sad anyone would assert that the Justice Department made a political decision.

"They made a decision calculated on the data the state sent them," she said, adding the statistics lacked information on African American voters, which the state must provide to the court.

A federal panel that includes Circuit Judge David Tatel, District Judge Robert Wilkins and District Judge Rosemary Collyer, who was part of a three-judge panel that heard the Texas redistricting case, will take up the Voter ID law later this year.

Collyer has scheduled a Wednesday status call in her Washington D.C. courtroom to begin preparations for the trial.

Texas' Voter ID law

allows folks without Texas driver's licenses to obtain a DPS-issued voter ID card.

But 81 of the state's 254 counties have no DPS driver's license offices — and Hispanics are nearly twice as likely as non-Hispanics to live in one of those counties and not have acceptable voter identification, according to the Justice Department's letter.

Rep. Patricia Harless, R-Spring, House sponsor of the Voter ID bill, predicted that Texas' Voter ID law will eventually be upheld.

"It may just take longer than what we expected."

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The real problem that can be found behind online anonymity

Who is writing that brilliant, stupid, nasty, brave and/or dishonest online comment? We haven't a clue, because the author hasn't shared his or her name, hometown, gender, age and/or nationality. Or even worse, the author pretends to be another real person. Scammers, misfits, crooks, creeps, criminals and nice people all venture through cyberspace without identifying themselves. We can only guess what they're up to.



FROMA HARROP

Web anonymity is often a force for evil in the civic conversation. There is the celebrated case of the blog known as "Gay Girl in Damascus." Followed by many and quoted by some journalists as an authority on events in Syria, the gay girl turned out to be a 40-year-old married American man writing from Scotland.

Some defenders of Web anonymity hold that not only was the Gay Girl blog not evil, it was a potential force for good. Maybe the author wasn't really a lesbian in Syria. The blog did help real gay men and lesbians by giving them a forum in a country where homosexuality is shunned or worse.

But did it? How could gay Syrians know that they were really communicating with other gay Syrians? A forum participant may have been a heterosexual teen in Dallas or a table of drunken friends in Seattle having fun at another's

expense. "He" or "she" could have been a homophobic resident of Damascus, luring local gays into a dangerous trap.

Even cyber-sophisticates can play the chump. Consider this comment on a piece about online anonymity that appeared on the techie website GigaOM.com. Someone going under the name "David" discusses Cocoon, a web browser plugin that, its ads say, "protects online privacy." Then we read: "Full disclosure. I do work for them." Well, thanks for leveling with us, er, David.

Provocateurs can set up blogs purporting to support a political view with the intention of undermining it.

All they have to do is insert false statements that will turn off or utterly confuse certain readers. For example, one of the president's political foes might write, "Barack Hussein Obama is a good Muslim, and anyone who criticizes him for that is a bigot."

News organizations are beginning to demand that their online forum participants identify themselves. (That's why some have moved comments to Facebook.) But many cyber-libertarians resent any rules. They see an end of online anonymity as the dream of tyrants everywhere.

"Governments, in particular, absolutely loathe the idea that people can speak without being identified," media columnist Dan Gillmor wrote in The Guardian. He darkly warned, "I fear there will soon be widespread laws disallowing anonymous speech, even in America."

Gillmor can sleep soundly because the authorities ultimately

can't control cyberspace — the arrest of several "Anonymous" hacking gang members notwithstanding. Of course, there are times when saying important things may physically endanger the speaker. Honest folks might fear being identified in discussions on sexually transmitted diseases. But online bullies often hide behind anonymity simply because they are cowards.

What are civic-minded people to do?

They can't censor online speech, nor should they try. But they can start teaching themselves and others what makes forum comments valuable. One mark is that the author is willing to stand behind his or her statements with that person's real name. Without a name, credibility is up in the air no matter how smart the comment sounds.

As for the sweaty mobs of posters going incognito as they drop poison on others, they are simply gutless. Forums should put a yellow stripe beside their words.

"Every scarecrow has a secret ambition to terrorize," the Polish poet Stanislaw Jerzy Lec wrote. And so what if he does?

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Big lies being told on big oil

How much truth is there in President Obama's latest favorite mantra that we consume a disproportionate share of the world's oil, especially considering how little of the world's reserves we have?

Recently, Obama said: "But here's the thing about oil. We have about 2, maybe 3, percent of the world's proven oil reserves. We use 25 percent of the world's oil. So think about it. Even if we doubled the amount of oil that we produce, we'd still be short by a factor of five."

First, let's look at the raw numbers and then examine Obama's misleading framing of the issue. This is important because he uses these statistics to justify his reckless expenditure of federal funds to pursue alternative "green" energy sources, such as the disgraceful and scandalous Solyn-dra project.

The United States has some 20 billion barrels of oil in reserves. By "reserves" we're talking "proven" reserves, meaning those that are certain to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions. That is, we have 20 billion barrels of oil that is recoverable at current prices and under lands currently available for development.

That definition excludes many oil reserves that Obama has declared off-limits.

According to the Institute for Energy Research, we have more than 1.4 trillion barrels of oil that is technically recoverable in the United States with existing technology.

The largest deposits are located offshore, in portions of Alaska and in shale deposits in the Rocky Mountain states. So the United States has more recoverable oil than the rest of the non-North American world combined.

The Heritage Foundation says

this is enough to fuel every passenger car in the nation for 430 years.

Therefore, "it is merely semantics — not a scientific assessment of what America has the capacity to produce — that allows critics to claim repeatedly that America is running out of energy."

When you add in recoverable resources from Canada and Mexico, the total recoverable oil in North America exceeds 1.7 trillion barrels. To put this in context, Saudi Arabia has about 260 billion barrels of oil in proved reserves."

Another critical point: Even using the restrictive definition of reserves Obama is using, the 20-billion barrel figure is misleading, because Obama is clearly implying it is a fixed, or static, number — as though with every barrel of oil we consume, we are pushing the oil energy doomsday clock another second toward the apocalypse.

But in fact, that number is not static, but constantly in flux.

The institute tells us that in 1980, for example, the United States had 30 billion barrels of oil in reserves.

But over the next 30 years — through 2010 — we produced 77 billion barrels. Now, how can it be that we produced almost 2 1/2 times more oil than we had available, consumed a great deal and still ended up with plenty left over?

Obama's own Energy Information Administration is predicting a steady increase in reserves on land currently available for exploration.

Heritage's David Kreutzer says, "It projects that improvements in technology and the economics of extraction, production, and sales actually will lead to a 23.7 percent increase in U.S. reserves — even after extracting billions of barrels of oil in the interim."

There's more. Obama's formulation conflates two different measures.

True, we might have only between 2 and 3 percent of the world's recoverable reserves — as narrowly and misleadingly

defined — but we don't consume 25 percent of the world's oil reserves, which is what Obama wants you to believe. We consume closer to 22 percent — but it's not of reserves; it's of the world's oil production. But, as Heritage notes, "we consume about 22 percent of the world's production of everything," not just oil.

Consumption is determined by income, not by available resources — and for those who are always knocking the United States, we also produce about 22 percent of the world's total output of all goods and services.

Admittedly, we don't produce 22 percent of the world's total oil output; it's more like 6 to 10 percent.

But experts say this number will increase even if we don't access the other abundant sources that Obama has declared off-limits.

For overblown and in some cases completely fabricated environmental concerns, Obama is preventing us from greatly expanding the pie of our oil reserves, from offshore drilling to Alaska to Keystone to fracking, and at the same time throwing government money down the ratholes of projects that aren't sound and economically prudent enough to warrant substantial private investment dollars.

He's told us he wants to bankrupt the coal industry, get us out of gas-driven cars and into electrical clunkers and onto bike paths, and increase the price of gas.

Why don't we believe him?

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by K. Rae Anderson

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Kid Scoop Together:

Pirate Pairs

The crew of the pirate ship *The Scurvy Albattross* came up with a unique flag. It's the only one here that has no exact duplicate. Circle it.

Women Pirates

Most pirates were men, but not all. At least two were women ... *disguised as men!*

The Strange Tale of Mary Read

Mary Read's father died when she was just a baby. _____ and unable to find work, Mary's mother could get help from her mother-in-law, but only if she had a son.

So, she dressed Mary in boy's clothing and raised her as a boy.

Mary got to run and do _____ activities that girls in those days were not allowed to do.

She grew up to be sturdy and strong.

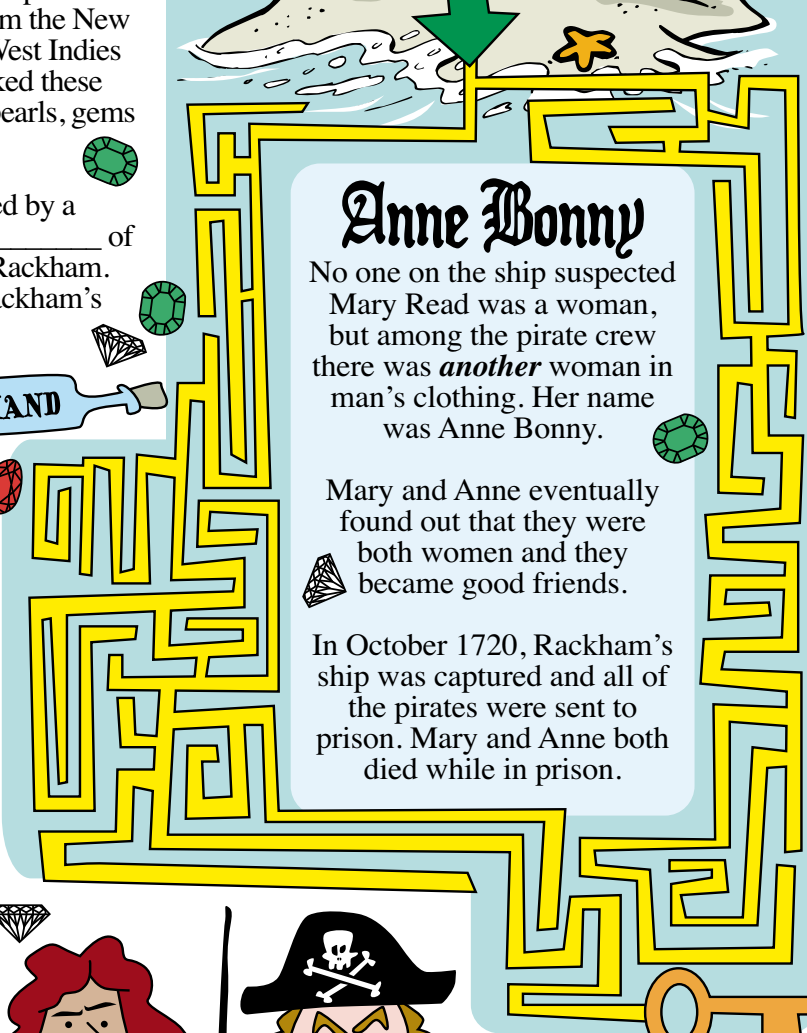
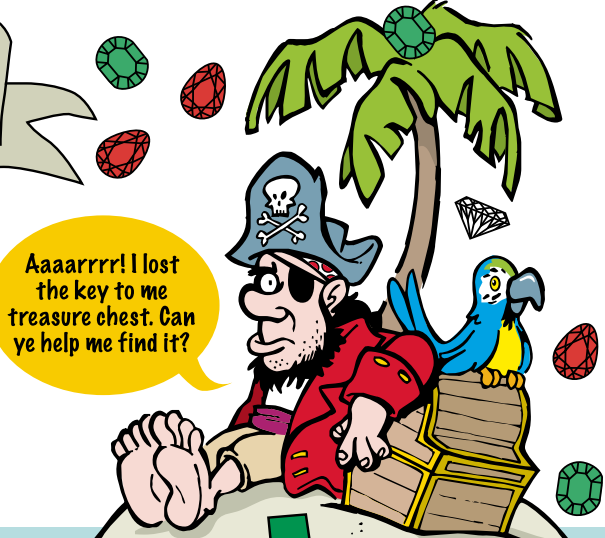
To earn money, Mary continued to disguise herself as a young man

and got work as a sailor. She went on many voyages. Eventually she worked on a ship _____ for the West Indies.

In those days, Spanish ships loaded with _____ from the New World sailed from the West Indies to Europe. Pirates attacked these ships to steal the gold, pearls, gems and silks.

Mary's ship was attacked by a pirate ship under the _____ of Captain "Calico Jack" Rackham. Captured, she joined Rackham's pirates.

Aaaarrrr! I lost the key to the treasure chest. Can ye help me find it?



Anne Bonny

No one on the ship suspected Mary Read was a woman, but among the pirate crew there was *another* woman in man's clothing. Her name was Anne Bonny.

Mary and Anne eventually found out that they were both women and they became good friends.

In October 1720, Rackham's ship was captured and all of the pirates were sent to prison. Mary and Anne both died while in prison.

Replace the missing words.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read from a variety of genres including non-fiction.

Can you match each pirate word with its definition?

1. ahoy
2. eye
3. doubloon
4. crow's nest
5. cutlass
6. Jolly Roger
7. landlubber

- a. a gold coin
- b. a sword
- c. a black flag with a white skull and crossbones
- d. a person who lives on land
- e. a high place on the mast where a person can see a long distance
- f. hello
- g. yes

Swashbuckler Similarities

Avast! The pirates in each vertical row have something in common. And the pirates in each horizontal row also have something in common. Circle the common characteristics.



Treasure Trouble!

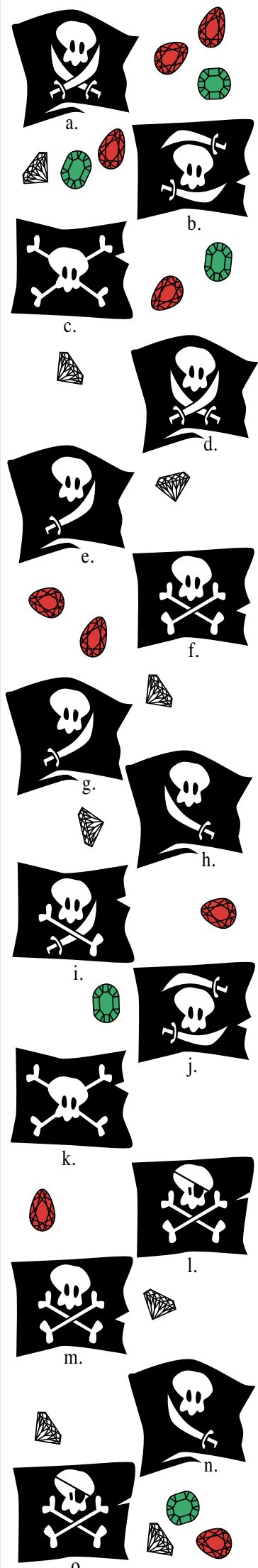
Shiver me timbers! Someone spilled the treasure chest. How many of each of the following can you find scattered on this page?



Extra! Extra! Women's Work

Look through the newspaper for pictures and articles that show women at work. Make a list of the jobs women can do today. Interview older people in your family to find out if women were permitted to do those jobs at the time when they were children.

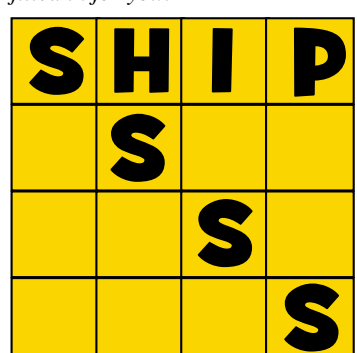
Standards Link: History: Know how to view the past in terms of the norms and values of the time.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop-doku

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



Kid Scoop Puzzler

How many words can you make from the letters in **TREASURE MAP**

1 - 5: Landlubber • 6 - 15: Swabby • 15 or more: Pirate Pro

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.



Learn the history of some famous pirates and see if you can solve the Pirate Puzzle. Go to www.kidscoop.com/kids.

Double Double Word Search

- SUSPECTED
- DISGUISED
- DOUBLOON
- PIRATES
- COMMON
- STURDY
- INDIES
- BOUND
- MONEY
- SHIPS
- CREW
- AHOY
- WEST
- GEMS
- GOLD

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Play "Find the Question"

Find and read an article in which a reporter interviews someone. What questions did the reporter ask the person being interviewed? Can you think of new questions to ask this person?

Standards Link: Listening/Speaking: Listen for specific information in oral communication.



How much does it cost a pirate to get his ears pierced?

ANSWER: A buck-an-ear.

Write On!

The Woman I Admire

Who is the woman you most admire? Is she a family member or someone famous? Explain why you admire this woman.

Bird Poop: A crane is trapped in Texas

Surprised by a woman's description of a bird and its late migration, we loaded our long pole net and 32-foot roll of woven nylon. With both our largest carrier and an oblong cardboard box, we were as prepared as possible for what we might find.



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The open lot adjacent to her home would be easy to locate. "It's across from the orange fence," she added.

As we left the scattered neighborhoods and noticed more open fields, it was obvious that most of the flocks had departed for their long flight to northern climes. No longer visible were undulating lines resembling huge serpents slithering across the sky. It would be empty until their return in the fall.

Across the road from her property, roaming groups no longer searched the furrows for grubs and earthworms. A stray mouse scurrying home from a nightly adventure would have provided

one of them with a tasty morsel. The plowed acreage appeared desolate and abandoned.

As we turned into her driveway, the woman pointed toward the lot to the west of her property. At first we didn't see the bird.

Then among the grays and ecru colors of withered grasses, we detected a slight movement. A sandhill crane's bluish-gray color had allowed it momentarily to blend into its environment.

With its first step forward we understood the concern the woman had for the bird. Its uneven stride was awkward. It had to use its wings for balance.

Since it stayed longer than others wandering on to the lot in search of food, the crane made her wonder if it had been injured. When another day passed and it was still there, she decided to call.

Fortunately, the woman had not tried to approach the bird. Letting it rest was all she knew to do.

Seemingly unaware of our presence, the crane remained still and erect while staring straight ahead. Not knowing if our slightest movement might cause it to leap upward and try to fly away, we chanced



Courtesy photo

A sandhill crane can easily fly 40 miles or more in a day in search of food. It readily eats mice, frogs, lizards and snakes. When crops are available, it dines on grain sorghum, wheat, peanuts and some corn. Plowed acreage offers worms and grubs, and as our weather becomes warmer, grasshoppers and other insects.

that it might also stand its ground and use its long pointed bill in self defense.

Nearing the sandhill from the rear caused no reaction. Only when we were a few feet behind it did we realize its

plight. To react quickly was imperative.

As my hands pressed its wings to its body, Art grabbed its dagger-like beak. Lifting the wiggling bird upward exposed the absence of one of its feet. A small

part of its lower leg had also been severed.

The crane's struggle with its remaining strength was futile. Controlling the remaining leg and foot, we walked back to our vehicle. In disbelief, the woman was visibly shaken by what she saw.

Wondering if an animal had bitten off the extremity, she seemed stunned with our first impression. Rather than the remaining part of the leg showing any signs of being crushed, the wound indicated a possible confrontation with a trap.

Having seen this type of injury before, we recognized that the amputation had been cleanly and efficiently done.

Weak, the crane had managed to stay alive in spite of coyotes and fox seen in the area.

After notifying Midge Erskine of Eos Wildlife Sanctuary in Midland, we delivered the bird an hour later. Too depleted of energy to fly and extremely thin, the sandhill crane at least had a chance.

As she and her husband, Woody, examined the bird, they extended its wings to check for any further injuries. Slightly over six feet, its wingspan was im-

pressive. No obvious wounds were found among the immaculately layered gray feathers of the wings or body.

Distinctive with its red skin, or patch, on its forehead, the bird was at least two, maybe more, years old. Its white cheeks, chin and long neck were also free of wounds.

The Erskines agreed that a trap could have caused the injury. An opinion from their veterinarian would also be sought.

With time, diet, and lack of infection, the crane might be placed in an educational environment, such as a zoo. Although it would hobble when it walked, its ability to adapt would be tested.

No longer with neck extended, legs trailing behind, would the sandhill's powerful, graceful flight join hundreds silhouetted by a winter's sunset. Announcing fall and the coming winter, the welcome V formation and bugling call would be left to other cranes to continue.

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

The stories those clotheslines could tell

I received a note recently that brought back many memories of when I was a kid. It was all about the clothesline that was just outside the back door.

Yes, these were what we now call the good ole

days. But did you ever stop to think about the clothesline rules?

Some of the rules may change with where you lived because I seem to remember things a bit differently but this is what the note said:

Wash day was on Monday and never on the weekend and especially never on Sunday;

Once the clothes were washed you must take a damp rag and walk the entire length of the clothesline to clean the wire.

Always hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang "whites" with "whites," and hang them first.

Always hang socks by the toes, not the top; always hang pants by the bottom cuffs, not the waistbands.

Always hang a shirt by the tail and never by the shoulders.

Always hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your "unmentionables" in the middle to avoid the perverts and busybod-

ies!;

Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were "tacky;"

Always line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item; When the clothes needed to be hung, they needed to be hung right away and it didn't matter if it was sub-zero weather. During that time clothes would just "freeze-dry";

Always have the clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed. And when discussing ironing, well that's another

story all together.

I read a poem that should be dedicated to all our family members who ever hung clothes:

A clothesline was a news forecast, to neighbors passing by; there were no secrets you could keep, when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always knew if company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two.

For then you'd see the "fancy sheets" and towels upon the line; you'd see the "company table cloths" with intricate designs.

The line announced a baby's birth from folks who lived inside, as brand new infant clothes were hung so carefully with pride.

The ages of the children could so readily be known by watching how the sizes changed you'd know how much they'd grown.

It also told when ill-

ness struck as extra sheets were hung; then nightclothes and a bathrobe, too, so haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "On vacation now," when lines hung limp and bare. It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged with not an inch to spare.

New folks in town were scorned upon if wash was dingy and gray; 'cause neighbors carefully raised their brows and looked the other way.

But clotheslines now are of the past for dryers make work much less. Now what goes on inside a home is anybody's guess.

I really miss that way of life; it was a friendly sign when neighbors knew each other best by what hung out on that line.

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Lady Buffaloes dominate Post

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**
Sports Editor

FORSAN — The Forsan Lady Buffaloes improved their district record to 2-1 as they handily defeated the Post Lady Antelopes, 16-3, Monday.

After Post jumped out to an early 3-0 lead, the Lady Buffs fought back, led by a tour de force of hitting by the entire lineup. Ali Knight, who also pitched for the entirety of the game; began the onslaught by belting a double, and following suit was Kayla Tilley, who drove in Knight to score the first run for Forsan. Jahnia Willard and Shelby Roemer also drove in runs, making the score 4-3 at the end of the first inning.

In the bottom of the second inning, Post recorded two quick outs until a pair of wild pitches and a walk gave Forsan new offensive life. The Lady Buffs' bats got hot as Stevie Wilson, Willard, Maria Ortiz, Gabby Womack, and Bri Anne Martinez all picked up hits for a combined seven runs batted in, leaving the Lady Antelopes in the hole 11-3.

After a quick third inning for both teams, The Lady Buffs again roared back, tacking on five more runs, as a result of productive at-bats by Womack, Brittney Cline, and Kayla Tilley, ending the fourth with a dominating 16-3 lead.

That lead was too much for the Lady 'Lopes, to overcome. Despite their efforts, a combination of good pitching by Knight and sound fielding by the rest of the Lady Buffs ended Post's hopes of playing another inning, with the umpires calling an end to the game due to the 10-run mercy rule in the bottom of the fifth.

Forsan Head Coach Shanna Taylor was pleased with her team's dominating performance.

"The girls played great," she said. "They batted well, which has been our focus all season. We didn't have our usual starting pitcher, and we were using our second pitcher, but (Knight) pitched well, and we fielded the ball well, too."

The Lady Buffs have some time off, and then resume play against Slaton at home March 23.

"The girls played great. They batted well, which has been our focus all season."

Shanna Taylor
Forsan softball coach



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Ali Knight delivers a pitch for the Forsan Lady Buffs during a dominating performance over the Post Lady Antelopes Monday in Forsan.

Sports Calendar

TODAY

Baseball

Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View (DH), noon.
Post at Forsan, noon.
Howard College vs. Galveston College, TBA, Houston.

Softball

Big Spring at Lubbock Estacado, 12:30 p.m.
Slaton at Coahoma, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Baseball

Howard College vs. Wharton Co. Community College, TBA, Houston.

Softball

Howard College vs. Eastern Arizona (DH), 1 p.m., Thatcher, Ariz.

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Baylor top NCAA seed

By **DOUG FEINBERG**

AP Basketball Writer

Brittney Griner and Baylor have been gearing up all season long to make a run at a national championship.

They've blown through their first 34 opponents en route to a perfect season so far. Now the top-seeded Lady Bears are six victories from becoming the seventh team to go unbeaten and win the school's second national championship.

Anything short of an NCAA women's basketball title would be considered a major disappointment.

"This is what we've talked about all year, these six basketball games," Mulkey said. "Everybody's healthy today and you're headed in with a focus like none other than I've seen in a while. It's reflected in how we're playing right now, and we just want to continue it."

Stunning in the way could be the other No. 1 seeds — Stanford, Connecticut and Notre Dame, dominant all season

long. The Huskies and Irish both lost competitive games at Baylor this season.

Griner and Baylor, who lost in the regional final last season, could be the first team ever to win 40 games in a year, but coach Kim Mulkey only cares about one thing — a second national title for the school.

"We started hearing about that, and it's never been a goal of ours," Mulkey said of winning 40 games. "Our simple goal is to win a national championship."

The basketball madness gets started Saturday — the first step en route to the Final Four, which begins April 1 in Denver. Baylor will open up against UC Santa Barbara.

To get to their second Final Four in three seasons, the Lady Bears might have to get through Tennessee, which is appearing in its 31st straight NCAA tournament.

"I wish I was not in the same bracket as Pat (Summitt), because of the respect I have and also because we've already

played," Mulkey said.

The two teams met in November, and Tennessee held an eight-point lead early in the second half before Griner took over en route to a nine-point victory.

The 6-foot-8 center has been dominant lately scoring more than 40 points twice in the past 10 games, including a 45-point effort in the Big 12 tournament semifinals this past weekend.

The Lady Vols have won eight national championships, but haven't been to the Final Four in three seasons. They pledged at the beginning of the season that they would not go a fourth consecutive year without reaching the Final Four — something they've never done — and would try to win a national title to honor Pat Summitt. The coach announced in August she'd been diagnosed with early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

Summitt's squad will face her alma mater — Tennessee Martin — in the opener.

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Moss agrees to deal with San Francisco

By **JANIE MCCAULEY**

AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Randy Moss is ready to show the world he can still be that dynamic deep threat who once dominated NFL defensive backs.

Even after a year away. Even at age 35. Even with a reputation he says isn't all it's made out to be.

Moss is getting a another chance in the NFL, signing a one-year contract with the San Francisco 49ers on Monday only hours after he worked out for the team and with former NFL quarterback and current coach Jim Harbaugh.

"I'm not a free agent. I'm a guy straight off the couch, straight off the street," Moss said. "One thing I want the

sports world to understand is the love and passion I have for football."

Moss will fill a big void for the reigning NFC West champions in Harbaugh's version of the West Coast offense.

While he didn't go as far as to promise not to pout when times are tough, he did say all the right things, and that he plans to be a positive presence in a locker room known for its blue-collar, unselfish approach. Moss has no interest in reflecting on his past, either.

This is a fresh start.

"The thing about me being here is they've done their research on me. When it comes to the worldwide sports media, I've gotten a bad rap," Moss said. "They've done their homework on me or they wouldn't have brought

me in here. ... (The questions were) more of me not being a team player and things like that. I don't want to get into that."

Moss got a good vibe about the organization from the moment he was picked up at the airport Sunday night, calling it a "no-brainer" to sign. He said the organization quickly decided to "pull the trigger" — and it's a low-risk, high-reward move for San Francisco.

"Harbaugh is a young, enthusiastic coach. I love enthusiasm," Moss said. "A lot of things stood out to me."

It seems Harbaugh's throws were on target, too.

"Jim Harbaugh makes 49ers veteran emergency board: Best coach's workout in NFL history (especially while wearing khakis and a

sweatshirt)," Niners CEO Jed York tweeted.

Moss, who worked out last Tuesday with the New Orleans Saints, spent a year out of football and last played for New England, Minnesota and Tennessee during a rocky 2010 season.

He said he enjoyed playing catch with Harbaugh, a 15-year NFL pro in his day.

"Yes, he can still bring it at his old age. I don't know, he's probably sitting there with an ice pack or something on his shoulder right now," Moss said. "He can still wing it."

The 49ers can sure use him. San Francisco's receivers managed just one catch for 3 yards in a 20-17 loss in the NFC championship game to the eventual Super Bowl champion New York Giants at Candlestick Park on Jan.

22. York told reporters earlier Monday at team headquarters his team needed "someone to stretch the field." The athletic, 6-foot-4 Moss fits the bill.

Moss said he initially retired for "personal reasons outside of football" and considered making a comeback late in the 2011 season before ultimately deciding to give his body more time to train. He suffered a shoulder injury during 2010 with New England.

Moss always believed he could still perform.

"It was a decision to get back in the game because I still love the game and think I can play at a high level," he said. "It was obvious they liked what they saw. I don't want to let them down."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your strengths will carry a project through. If someone else involved is weak in an area, you'll override the deficiency. This person will carry you in a different way later.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your fellow Taurus Kelly Clarkson suggests that what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. You will draw strength from your wounds and become ever more resourceful when it comes to using what you learned from the past.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Transformation is not only possible; it's inevitable. You'll focus the energy of change on the area of life that's been the most stressful. What once caused you pain might actually be the source of your healing.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). With a little persistence, you'll jar a stuck project loose and be most satisfied with what happens next. By the day's

end, you'll love how it feels to get things moving again.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You feel strongly about social issues and will have a special fondness for those who believe as you do. You'll be moved to take action. Plan it out carefully, and involve as many likeminded individuals as you can.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll never know what would have happened had your original plan worked out, but you can bet it wouldn't be as great as what's happening now. So when something doesn't work out today, assume it's for the best.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may see yourself as an underdog now. Though it means you are not in the strongest position, the good news is that everyone loves an underdog. Go forward in full faith that you have a chance at victory.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want to hear the truth, and you assume others do, too. So you're not likely to flatter others or conform your ideas to theirs to ease the way for social discourse. You'll respond to the world with complete honesty.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be in another one of your curious moods, eager to learn about things around you and beyond. Being wonderstruck is one of your favorite states of

mind. Keeping going until you arrive there.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's only human to want to assign a reason for everything that happens. With that reason often comes praise or blame. Today it will help you to note that not every situation has a definitive "responsible party."
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll improve the quality of your life by dealing with a problem that's been plaguing you. There's more than one way that will work. Keep trying new things.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are certain burdens you feel you must carry alone. So be it. But you can at least talk to a trusted confidante about them, and doing so will make your load seem lighter.
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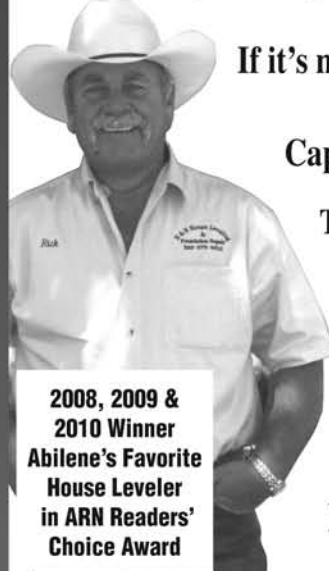
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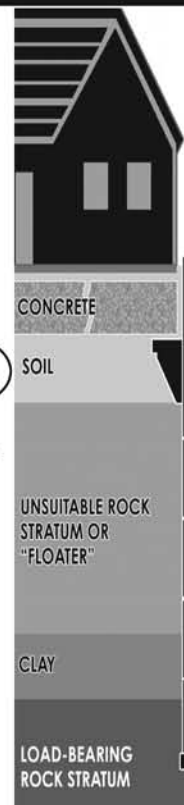
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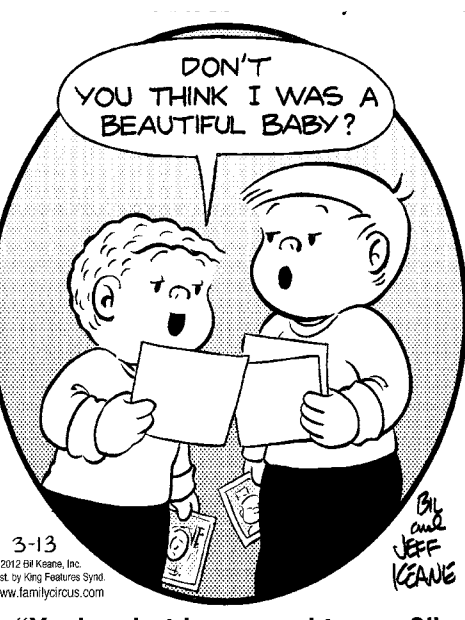
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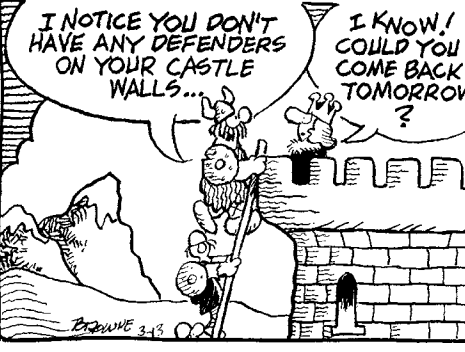
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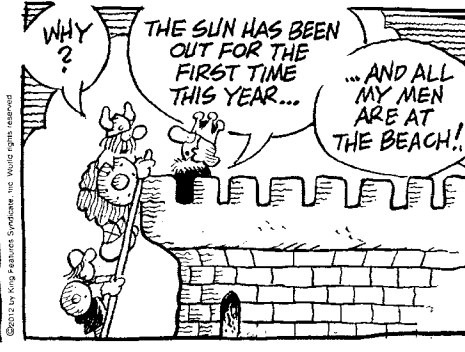


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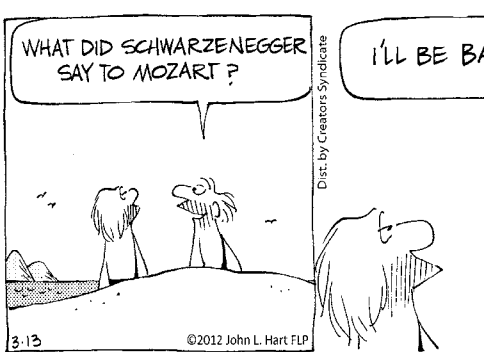
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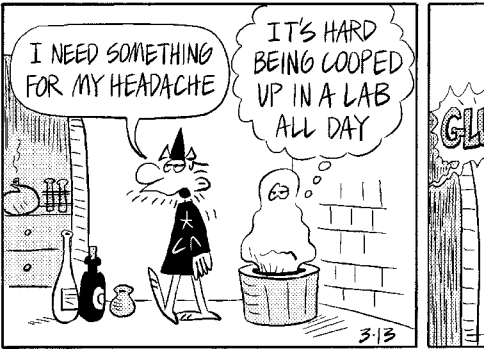
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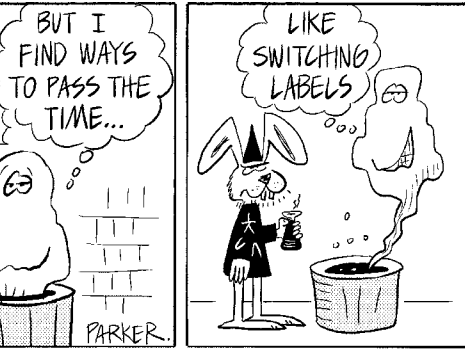
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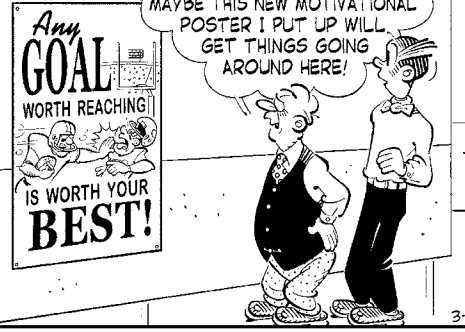
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 13, the 73rd day of 2012. There are 293 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 13, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure prohibiting Union military officers from returning fugitive slaves to their owners, effectively superseding the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

On this date:

In 1639, New College was renamed Harvard College for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1781, the seventh planet of the solar system, Uranus, was discovered by Sir William Herschel.

In 1845, Felix Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E Minor, Op. 64, had its premiere in Leipzig, Germany.

In 1901, the 23rd president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a

bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution. (Gov. Austin Peay signed the measure on March 21.)

In 1933, banks began to reopen after a "holiday" declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1947, the Lerner and Loewe musical "Brigadoon," about a Scottish village which magically reappears once every hundred years, opened on Broadway.

In 1964, bar manager Catherine "Kitty" Genovese, 28, was stabbed to death near her Queens, N.Y. home; the case generated controversy over the supposed failure of Genovese's neighbors to respond to her cries for help.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.

In 1980, Ford Motor Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Ind., found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

In 1992, the U.S. House of Representatives, trying to

weather a politically embarrassing firestorm, voted unanimously to publicly identify 355 current and former members who had overdrawn their accounts at the House bank.

In 1996, a gunman burst into an elementary school in Dunblane, Scotland, and opened fire, killing 16 children and one teacher before killing himself.

Today's Birthdays: Jazz musician Roy Haynes is 87. Country singer Jan Howard is 82. Songwriter Mike Stoller (STOH'-ler) is 79. Singer-songwriter Neil Sedaka is 73. Actor William H. Macy is 59. Actress Deborah Raffin is 62. Comedian Robin Duke is 58. Actress Glenna Headly is 57.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

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 - 10 Easter entrees
 - 14 Spotless
 - 15 Cowboy's ending for buck
 - 16 A Great Lake
 - 17 Pick-me-up drink
 - 18 Home for livestock
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 - 20 Indifferent remark
 - 23 Tattle (on)
 - 24 Sardine container
 - 25 Like some black olives
 - 29 Active person
 - 31 A pair of
 - 34 Some nest eggs: Abbr.
 - 35 Valentine symbol
 - 36 Tavern
 - 37 Indifferent remark
 - 41 Explosive letters
 - 42 Superheroes' garments
 - 43 Long-division word
 - 44 Sailor's "yes"
 - 45 Part of EMT: Abbr.
 - 46 Cone-shaped dwellings
 - 48 Boston cream or Key lime
 - 49 Snakelike swimmer
 - 50 Indifferent remark
 - 58 Poems of praise
 - 59 Hand-cream ingredient
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 - 12 Textile factory
 - 13 Full collection
 - 21 Little bit
 - 22 Needing washing
 - 25 One of Columbus' ships
 - 26 Literary twist
 - 27 Take a bite of
 - 28 "For shame!"
 - 29 Schedule for later
 - 30 Clumsy ones
 - 31 Steakhouse order
 - 32 Fritter away, as time
 - 33 Triple-decker snacks
 - 35 Wish earnestly
 - 38 Strand, as by a winter storm
 - 39 Luggage attachments
 - 40 Tiny bite
 - 46 Golfer's prop
 - 47 Slip away, as time
 - 48 Sheriff's squad
 - 49 Important happening
 - 50 Creative suggestion
 - 51 Minor fender damage
 - 52 Shine softly
 - 53 Where Des Moines is
 - 54 "That's funny!"
 - 55 Rocks that are mined
 - 56 "Fine by me!"
 - 57 Gone With the Wind estate
 - 58 Ancient

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Parker returns, leads Spurs past Wizards

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After learning before the game that his primary backup was retiring, Tony Parker made sure the Spurs got plenty of production from the point guard position Monday night.

Parker scored 31 points in his return from a one-game absence to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 112-97 victory over the Washington Wizards.

Parker, who missed Friday's loss to the Los Angeles Clippers with a strained right quadriceps, hit 13 of 18 shots and had seven assists. Tiago Splitter scored 17 points, Tim Duncan added 14, and DeJuan Blair had 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Spurs extended their winning streak over the Wizards to 12. Washington has lost nine of its last 11 and fell to 3-15 on the road.

JaVale McGee led the Wizards with 21 points and 15 rebounds, and Jordan Crawford added 19 points.

The Spurs went 8-1 on a road

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Randy Wittman
Washington coach

trip before the All-Star break, but they have been able to beat only struggling Eastern Conference teams on their current seven-game home-stand. The Spurs lost to the Bulls, Nuggets and Clippers but have now beaten the Bobcats, Knicks and Wizards.

"I think we did a great job moving the ball," Parker said. "We took advantage of their defense and got wide-open shots for everyone."

Before the game, veteran Spurs point guard T.J. Ford abruptly retired following the latest scare to his surgically repaired spine, which sidelined him for the entire 2004-05 season.

Ford was injured March 7

when Knicks guard Baron Davis elbowed him in the back, knocking him to the ground. The 28-year-old Ford didn't move for several minutes and wobbled while being helped off the court.

While the Spurs could miss Ford as the season progresses, the team has often played without him as various injuries limited him to only 14 games. Parker has had no trouble picking up the slack, as he showed Monday in a game in which Manu Ginobili played just 20 minutes.

"He's playing great," Splitter said of Parker. "Since the beginning of the season, he's playing like an All-Star. That's great for us, having a

guy like that. Not just scoring, but moving the ball on assists."

San Antonio, in fact, had assists on 23 of its 28 field goals in the first half and scored 44 points in the paint.

After trailing by as many as 18 points in the second quarter, Washington cut it to nine in the fourth but could get no closer.

The All-Star point guard repeatedly exploited the defense in the first half and, with the Wizards closing, had 10 points in the fourth quarter.

"With Parker, we had our hands full," Wizards coach Randy Wittman said. "He's playing as well as anybody in the league. He's a tough cover,

I understand that. But, in the first half, we just allowed him to get to the rim time after time after time after time."

Washington struggled against San Antonio's pick-and-roll and, as Duncan showed, even had trouble with transition defense. After rebounding Booker's miss in the first quarter, Duncan drove the length of the court without passing before dunking.

"I don't often get to do that," Duncan said. "It worked out perfectly, and that's how it goes."

The Spurs finished with 47-of-87 shooting and 30 assists. They outrebounded the Wizards 46-41.

"It's not just the guards," said John Wall, who shot 5 of 14. "It's not just the bigs. It's everything. No help side, no closing back on shooters, and they score whenever they want to, basically. Until we started playing defense in the second half, a young team like us, we can't wait against a team like this."

NCAA

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"I like my alma mater," Summitt said. "I like winning and moving on better."

Before a potential matchup with Baylor, Tennessee could meet Delaware and the nation's leading scorer Elena Delle Donne. The 6-5 star is averaging 27.5 points this season and has guided the Blue Hens to a 30-1 mark.

Now they are looking for their first NCAA tournament victory.

Connecticut hopes to win its eighth national

championship (tying Tennessee) and will start with a matchup against Prairie View.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma told the Huskies' faithful in the pre-season that this team wouldn't win a national championship. But his young team has developed over the past five months, and Connecticut looks poised to make another run after beating Notre Dame for the Big East tournament title.

"If you have to rely just on momentum then you don't have a good enough team," Auriemma said. "We've got to hope we have a good

enough team and then rely on momentum as an extra asset."

The Irish also have been focused on winning a title after falling just short last season, losing in the championship game to Texas A&M, which is a No. 3 seed in the Raleigh region. The two teams could meet in the regional final.

Notre Dame, which will open up at home against Liberty, reached the national title game last year by knocking off UConn in the Final Four. It was the fourth straight season that UConn made the Final Four. The two teams, who already have played

three times this year, could meet for a fourth time in Denver.

The Cardinal also have advanced four straight seasons to the Final Four, and coach Tara VanDerveer is looking to get her first title in 20 years.

She'll begin with a trip East to Norfolk, Va., to face Hampton. Stanford, which has won 28 straight games since its lone loss of the season to Connecticut, hasn't been east of the Rockies since 2001, when it went to Oklahoma.

"Well last year at this time I don't think anyone thought Texas A&M was going to win

either," VanDerveer said. "Baylor has had a great year. I think that Brittney Griner is a great player, she's a tremendous talent. We know that every team is beatable. I hope we have a chance to play them. We want to go as far as we can. If that means playing Baylor, we'll be ready."

Standing in the way of a fifth trip to the Final Four could be second-seed Duke, which lost in the ACC tournament quarterfinals. The Blue Devils are led by talented freshman post Elizabeth Williams and sophomore guard Chelsea Grey and will face Samford in the opening round.

Another intriguing team in that region is third-seeded St. John's,

which ended UConn's 99-game home-court winning streak in February. The Red Storm have won 14 of their last 17 games, falling to the Huskies in the semifinals of the Big East tournament. Third-seeded St. John's faces Creighton in its opener.

Missing from the tournament is North Carolina, which is hosting the first two rounds, but didn't make the field for the first time since 2001.

While the Tar Heels will be missing, three schools — Albany, St. Bonaventure and Florida Gulf Coast — are making their first appearance, and the Big Ten has a conference record seven teams.

The Bonnies and Eagles will be meeting in the first round.

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