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VA sets welcome home event Friday

On March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. On March 8, 2011, the United States Senate declared March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."

The West Texas VA Health Care System will host the second annual Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans program. The event will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Lone Star Aviation Hangar, 3500 Airpark Dr.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Community Relations at the West Texas VA Health Care System, 432-264-4824.

Investigators say... Autopsy results may take time

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Law enforcement officials say it could be some time before pathology reports are back and investigators have more information on the human remains found March 20 at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the BSPD, the investigation is ongoing.

"It could be three or four weeks, or it could be two or three months. There's really no way to know how long it

will take to get results back at this point," Everett said. "All we can do right now is wait for the reports."

The autopsy was conducted on the remains last week by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Worth, at which time Everett said preliminary examinations revealed the corpse to be male in gender.

Law enforcement officials were called to an area in the 2500 block of Apron Drive on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, south of the Hangar 25 Air Museum, after workers in the area stumbled upon the remains.

"The area where the remains were found was fenced and gated, but it could have been accessed," Everett said. "The body was obscured, but at least part of it was visible, which is what the workers saw, causing them to call 911. It was an area that isn't often traveled."

The discovery of the remains gained national attention due to several missing person cases in the Crossroads area, including the plight of Colorado City teen Hailey Dunn who disappeared from her home Dec. 27, 2010.

However, since the gender of the remains has been established as male and Dunn ruled out, law enforcement

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Courtesy photo
Fans cheer on their favorite team during West Texas Centers Hoops, Dreams and Goals. This year's event will be held Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and is free to the public.

Hoops, Dreams promises fun, rewarding experience

Herald Staff Report

It's exciting. It will leave you dancing in the aisle. And it's free.

No, it's not a dance contest,

but there is plenty of sneaker-scootin' and moving to the music.

The event is West Texas Center's annual Hoops, Dreams and Goals, and it is

set for all day Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Ten teams from across West Texas will participate

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County OKs inmate mental health pact

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners approved a new contract with West Texas Centers Monday that will allow inmates at the county's detention center suffering from mental illness to receive

care. The contact — which was OKed by the court on a unanimous vote — allows West Texas Centers to provide doctor visits for inmates at the facility, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

"We recently had a situa-

tion where one of our inmates was very sick and without this contract in place, West Texas Centers couldn't send a doctor into the jail to attend to him," Barr said. "It was a tough situation and one we needed to get corrected as soon as possible."

Barr said the contract calls for the county to pay approximately \$150 for doctor visits to the jail and \$50 for medications for patients suffering from mental illness.

"It's not a problem we run

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Obituaries

Kenneth Reed



Kenneth Reed, 51, of Terrell passed away Sunday, March 18, 2012, in Salt Lake City, Utah. A service is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1, 2012, at the Veteran's Memorial in Terrell with military honors.

Kenneth was born Sept. 17, 1960, in Big Spring to William A. and Melva Jeane Reed.

He was preceded in death by his father, William A. (Pete) Reed; and his sister, Jerri.

He is survived by a daughter, Amanda of Ohio; two sons, Ryan and Jordan of Terrell; his mother, Melva Jeane Reed of Big Spring; two sisters, Dot Crowe-Russell and husband Russ of Enloe and Stacy Coley of Big Spring; one brother, William Arthur (Pete) Reed of Big Spring; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Brenda Robertson

Brenda Robertson, 63, of Big Spring died Monday, March 26, 2012, in Midland. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

Police blotter

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

• ISMAEL HOLGUIN, 44, of Stanton, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.

• ERLINDA EVERTTE RIOS, 24, of 1906 Winston St., was arrested Monday on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

• TIFFANY ELDER, 30, of 2600 Langley, was arrested Monday on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

• VERONICA MARIE ORTIZ, 29, of 800 W. Marcy Apt. 10, was arrested Monday on a charge of tampering/fabricating physical evidence.

• ROBERT NEAL SCOTT, 40, of 2005 S. Monticello, was arrested Monday on a charge of assault – family violence.

• SAMANTHA YVONNE BREHM, 28, of 801 E. 14th St., was arrested Monday on charges of theft – shoplifting and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE MYRICK, 35, of 1013 S. Nolan, was arrested Monday on three warrants from other agencies and a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

• SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 24, of 1503 Lincoln, was arrested Monday on warrants for theft and failure to appear.

• JAMES RYAN VILLANUEVA, 26, of 2406 S. Main St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.

• TAMMY KAY LOCKHART, 35, of 1106 W. Third St. Apt. 13, was arrested Monday on a warrant for assault by contact.

• ERLINDA EVERTTE RIOS, 24, of 1906 Winston, was arrested Monday on charges of failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to stop at designated point (stop sign).

• BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 42, of 1701 Runnels, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), failure to appear and two warrants from other agencies.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.

• THEFT was reported: In the 300 block of Tulane.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 2500 block of Dow.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of Donley.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 68 inmates at the time of this report.

• ERLINDA EVETTE RIOS, 24, was booked into the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief – more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

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• SAMANTHA YVONNE BREHM, 28, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft and possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• TAMMY LOCKHART COKER, 35, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of assault – physical contact.

• CHRISTOPHER LEE MYRICK, 35, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of issuance of a bad check, theft of property by check, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and a Denton County warrant for failure to appear – theft.

• JAMES RYAN VILLANUEVA, 26, was booked

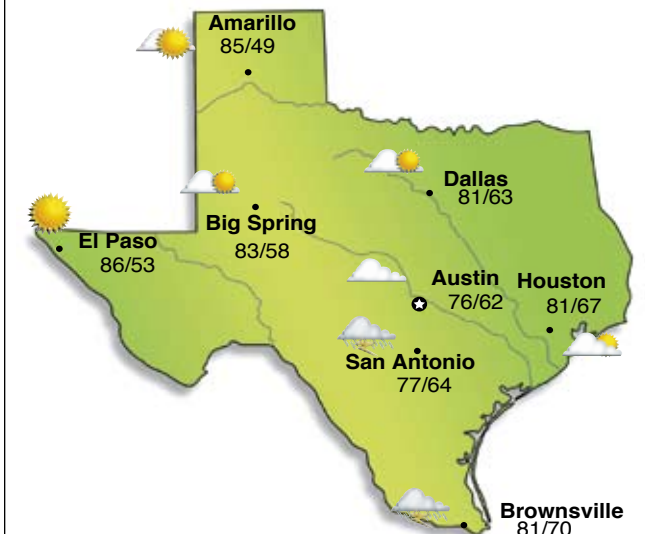
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Thu 3/29	Fri 3/30	Sat 3/31	Sun 4/1	Mon 4/2
83/58 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	87/55 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 50s.	87/58 Sunny. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	91/57 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 50s.	82/55 Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.
Sunrise: 7:37 AM Sunset: 8:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:36 AM Sunset: 8:05 PM	Sunrise: 7:35 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:34 AM Sunset: 8:06 PM	Sunrise: 7:32 AM Sunset: 8:07 PM



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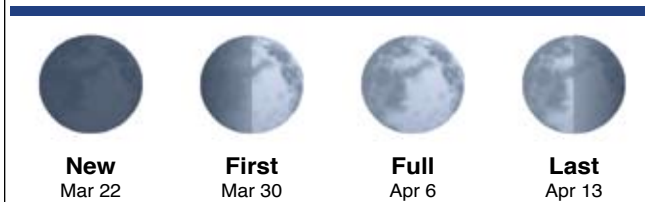
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	76	61	t-storm	Kingsville	82	67	t-storm
Amarillo	85	49	mst sunny	Livingston	81	61	pt sunny
Austin	76	62	cloudy	Longview	81	62	pt sunny
Beaumont	81	65	pt sunny	Lubbock	84	51	pt sunny
Brownsville	81	70	t-storm	Lufkin	84	62	pt sunny
Brownwood	78	62	t-storm	Midland	85	59	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	78	68	t-storm	Raymondville	84	68	t-storm
Corsicana	79	61	pt sunny	Rosenberg	80	66	cloudy
Dallas	81	63	pt sunny	San Antonio	77	64	t-storm
Del Rio	79	65	t-storm	San Marcos	77	62	cloudy
El Paso	86	53	sunny	Sulphur Springs	79	62	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	85	59	t-storm	Sweetwater	79	59	t-storm
Gainesville	78	59	pt sunny	Tyler	81	62	pt sunny
Greenville	78	60	pt sunny	Weatherford	78	59	pt sunny
Houston	81	67	cloudy	Wichita Falls	79	60	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	80	53	pt sunny	Minneapolis	59	47	pt sunny
Boston	44	34	rain	New York	52	40	pt sunny
Chicago	50	39	sunny	Phoenix	83	56	pt sunny
Dallas	81	63	pt sunny	San Francisco	63	51	cloudy
Denver	73	43	pt sunny	Seattle	48	44	rain
Houston	81	67	cloudy	St. Louis	72	54	rain
Los Angeles	68	52	mst sunny	Washington, DC	59	44	pt sunny
Miami	81	67	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



UV Index

Thu 3/29	Fri 3/30	Sat 3/31	Sun 4/1	Mon 4/2
8	9	9	9	9
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 24, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of theft and failure to appear.

Fire/EMS

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

• TRAUMA was reported in the 3800 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 900 block of Culp. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA was reported in the 600 block of W. Interstate Highway 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

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News briefs

Can the government force you to carry insurance?

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is taking up the key question in the challenge to President Barack Obama's historic health care overhaul: Can the government force people to carry insurance or pay a penalty?

The justices hear extended arguments on that topic Tuesday. It's the linchpin of the law's aim to get medical insurance to an additional 30 million people, at a reasonable cost to private insurers and state governments.

Virtually every American will be affected by the outcome, due this summer in the heat of the presidential and congressional election campaigns.

The administration says Congress has ample authority to impose the requirement that most people carry insurance or pay a penalty. Twenty-six states and a small business group trying to get the law struck down call the insurance requirement an unprecedented power grab by Congress.

They say that not even decades of high court rulings that endorsed an expansive view of congressional authority can support the health care law.

Obama concedes strains between U.S., Pakistan

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Conceding strained ties, President Barack Obama on Tuesday welcomed Pakistan's review of its relationship with the United States, saying it was important for the two countries to get their partnership right.

Obama spoke alongside Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani before the two men held private talks. The meeting comes amid heightened tensions between their countries following a series of incidents that have marred trust.

"There have been times — I think we should be frank — in the last several

months where those relations have experienced strains," Obama said of the dynamic between the U.S. and Pakistan.

The breakdown in the relationship followed the shooting death of two alleged Pakistani assailants by a CIA officer and the U.S. Navy SEAL raid that killed Osama bin Laden in May. The tipping point came in November, when U.S. forces returned fire they believed came from a Pakistani border post, killing 24 Pakistani troops.

Pakistan broke off ties with the U.S. following that incident and launched a debate about new terms of engagement with the U.S., including on the sensitive issue of CIA drone strikes on targets inside Pakistani borders.

U.S., China, S. Korea warn nations to keep nuclear material from falling into terrorists' hands

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The leaders of South Korea, the United States and China issued stark warnings Tuesday about the threat of nuclear terrorism during the final day of a nuclear summit that has so far been upstaged by North Korea's long-range rocket launch plans.

Nearly 60 leaders have gathered for the two-day conference meant to find ways to keep terrorists from detonating an atomic weapon in a major city. The leaders were to release a communique Tuesday about their efforts to lock down the world's supply of nuclear material by 2014.

Much of the drama, however, has centered on North Korea's stated plans to launch a satellite on a long-range rocket around the April 15 celebration of the birthday of North Korean founder Kim Il Sung. Washington and Seoul view the launch as cover for nuclear missile development; North Korea says the satellite is part of a peaceful space program and will help in forecasting the weather.

President Barack Obama and South Ko-

rean President Lee Myung-bak on Monday pressured China, Pyongyang's main ally and economic supporter, to use its leverage to persuade the North to back away from the launch.

Although North Korea wasn't mentioned in opening summit comments Tuesday by China, the U.S. and South Korea, the launch was still a major point of discussion in leaders' meetings on the sidelines. Lee and Italian Premier Mario Monti met Tuesday and urged North Korea to cancel its launch plans, Lee's office said.

New claims cast Trayvon Martin as the aggressor

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — A slain Florida teenager and the neighborhood watch captain who shot and killed him exchanged words before the teen punched him in the nose and began banging the man's head on the ground, according to the watch captain's account of the confrontation that led to the shooting.

The Orlando Sentinel reported that George Zimmerman told police he lost 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in the neighborhood he regularly patrolled and was walking back to his vehicle last month when the youth approached him from behind.

The two exchanged words, Zimmerman said, and Martin then punched him, jumped on top of him and began banging his head on a sidewalk. Zimmerman said he began crying for help; Martin's family thinks it was their son who was crying out. Witness accounts differ and 911 tapes in which the voices are heard are not clear.

A statement from Sanford police said the newspaper story was "consistent" with evidence turned over to prosecutors.

Because Martin was black and Zimmerman has a white father and Hispanic mother, the case has become a racial flashpoint that has civil rights leaders and others leading a series of protests.

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officials said this week national focus seems to have lost interest in the case.

At least two other missing person cases are being recalled as the wait for more information goes on.

Forty-year-old Arlin Bynum was last seen Aug. 14, 2003, in the vicinity of the San Francisco Bar and Grill, located in downtown Big Spring, and Bobby Marquez Jr. has been missing approximately 14 years.

Local law enforcement officials have also suggested the remains might not be tied to a missing person case at all, and could possibly be that of a transient.

Everett said until the pathology reports are back, attempts to tie the remains to any open investigations are merely speculation.

"Until the pathologists give us more information to go on, trying to say these remains belong to any of these missing persons is merely speculation," Everett said.

HOOPS

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in the high-energy, bracket-driven basketball tournament, punctuated by sometimes intense, sometimes inspirational music. "Eye of the Tiger" anyone?

"It's an event our staff and consumers look forward to every year," said Rodney Jones, West Texas Centers chief developmental health officer.

The Big Spring High School drum line will get things going and Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan and District Judge

Tim Yeats will greet spectators, staff and consumers. The basketball competition will get underway at 9 a.m.

Teams participating in bracket play will be the Big Spring Heat, Sweetwater Red Rattlers, Ballinger Longhorns, Snyder Wildkatz, Seminole Pink Panthers, Monahans/Pecos Warriors, Midland Panthers, Odessa Tigers, Abilene Chili Peppers and the San Angelo Bobcats. Enthusiasm is rampant during the games and high fives are as plentiful as dimples on a basketball.

Each team's yell squads will perform throughout the day

and compete for top cheer squad. The cheer squads and the basketball teams will also vie for the coveted Spirit Stick, awarded to the team that shows the most enthusiasm.

"It is the most fun I have all year long," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said. "I smile the entire day. Everyone in attendance has a great time, from the athletes to the cheer squads to my employees. It is a great experience."

More than 1,100 people are expected to attend Friday's tournament, sponsored by West Texas Centers, Howard College, The Arc of Howard

County, Alon USA, Prescription Services Inc., KBST, Gallagher Benefit Services Inc. and KBYG.

The tournament is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

West Texas Centers serves 23 counties in rural West Texas: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

For more information, call Amy Vidal at 432-264-3256.

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into very often," Barr said. "However, we need to have this contract in place for when it does happen. It's going to cost the county a little bit of money, but it's not too bad."

The court also received an update on the ongoing construction of the new Troy Hogue Joint Law Enforcement Center during Monday's meeting.

According to Barr, construction is moving along smoothly at the site.

"Things are coming along just fine. We've

been looking at the project to be completed in six to eight months, and looking at where we are right now it looks like we'll be just fine," Barr said. "It all just depends on what Mother Nature decides to do. Of course, as much as we need the rain right now, we wouldn't begrudge a setback at this point."

The project — estimated to cost approximately \$2.7 million — got under way in early February.

"Commissioner (Precinct 4) John Cline updated us on the construction and let us know the dirt work has been completed," Barr said. "They could start pouring the concrete as early as this week. Overall,

the project is moving along smoothly."

The effort is a joint venture between the county and the city and will eventually house both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department on the same grounds as the county's detention center, located on W. Highway 80.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Pres. Obama will win whether Obamacare takes a win or loss

Small wonder President Obama chose not to delay the U.S. Supreme Court case on

his health care reforms until long after the election. His advisors are clearly in the lab transforming the president's signature legislation into a potent election issue — whether the justices leave it intact or rip it apart.

For starters, ignore the new CBS News poll showing that 47 percent of Americans give the Affordable Care Act a thumbs down, while only 36 percent approve. Older surveys suggest that many of the unhappy respondents actually wanted a larger role for government in health care (the public option, for example), not the smaller one conservatives demand. The bottom-line question for discontented liberals is, do they want a flawed federal health care plan or no plan? They can want the reform to happen without loving the final product.

Obamacare is head and shoulders above what we have today. That is the worst of most worlds — growing health care insecurity paired with soaring health care costs. The better course for reform would have been folding everyone into Medicare. Under the health care plan for the elderly, government picks up most of the hospital bills, and enrollees may buy subsidized private coverage for doctor visits and

such. It's simple and cheap to administer. Oh, but let's not go over this burnt ground again.

The key issue before the Supreme Court is whether the federal government can force the uninsured to buy health coverage. Those seeking to strike down the law see it as an abuse of federal power. Its backers counter that the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause says otherwise.

This much is obvious: If the individual mandate gets nixed, then the part of the law requiring insurers to cover those with pre-existing conditions goes with it. Americans will continue facing the terror of having a very sick family member and no medical coverage.

And when an uninsured person shows up at the emergency room with a concussion, the people being coerced into buying his care will be the taxpayers and those with private coverage.

Of course, everyone has to have insurance for these reforms to work. You can't make private insurers cover the ill without ordering the young and hearty into the insurance pool.

Let us repair to the campaign trail. If the Republican candidate is former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, then the controversy over Obamacare will be largely neutralized. After all, Romney (to his credit) established a very similar universal coverage system in Massachusetts, individual mandate and all. Obama adviser David Plouffe unfurled this counterattack on NBC's "Meet the Press," saying, "Mitt Romney is the godfather of

our health care plan."

Actually, Obamacare is more conservative than Romneycare because it includes mechanisms aimed at curbing the spiraling costs of health care. This is a conservatism that looks out for taxpayers and employers burdened by our wildly expensive and irrational health care system — as opposed to pleasing campaign donors in the industrial-health-care complex.

Dear pollsters: Consider doing an Obamacare survey that measures something meaningful from a policy standpoint. In addition to the usual questions, give everyone you call a brief five-question quiz on what's actually in the Affordable Care Act. Then do a breakdown showing what those who got three of five questions right think about it.

Point is, Obama must educate the public on the virtues of the law, something he did a lousy job of during the legislative battle. Helping more Americans correctly answer three of those questions would do wonders for his poll numbers.

If the Supreme Court does serious damage to the law, Obama should be prepared with a politically appealing response. No doubt he's already polishing the arguments.

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Will the court vindicate itself

If there has ever been a case that could vindicate the Supreme Court as a guardian of liberty or incriminate it as freedom's thief, it is the court's present consideration of the Affordable Care Act.

At the founding of the republic, the Anti-Federalist opponents of the Constitution warned that to grant the power to declare laws unconstitutional to an unelected and life-tenured Supreme Court could subvert the democratic republic and threaten our liberties.

In the Anti-Federalist papers, "Brutus" argued that though there would be strong checks on the other two branches of government, the power of judicial review would give the court the final say in overturning laws enacted by the people's elected representatives in Congress and make the unaccountable judicial branch superior to the elected legislative branch.

Brutus wrote: "The supreme court under this constitution would be exalted above all other power in the government, and subject to no control. ... The judges in England are under the control of the legislature ... but the judges under this constitution will control the legislature, for the supreme court are authorized in the last resort, to determine what is the extent of the powers of the Congress. They are to give the constitution an explanation, and there is no power above them to set aside their judgment. ... (The authors of the constitution) have made the judges independent, in the fullest sense of the word. There is no power above them, to control any of their decisions."

This was particularly dangerous, argued Brutus, because "when great and extraordinary powers are vested in any man, or body of men, which in their exercise, may operate to the oppression of the people, it is of high importance that powerful checks should be formed to pre-

vent the abuse of it." And "this responsibility, he said, "should ultimately rest with the people."

But under the proposed constitution, he noted, the court would be "independent of the people, of the legislature, and of every power under heaven." Anticipating Lord Acton's now-famous maxim that "absolute power corrupts absolutely," Brutus continued, "Men placed in this situation will generally soon feel themselves independent of heaven itself." Indeed, Brutus observed that judges could only be removed for improper conduct or "high crimes and misdemeanors"; they could not be impeached for errors in their judgment.

Alexander Hamilton fought back in Federalist No. 78, pointing out that the judicial branch would "always be the least dangerous to the political rights of the constitution," because it would "be least in a capacity to annoy or injure them." By this, he meant that the judicial scope and function was much more narrowly prescribed than those of the other two branches.

"The Executive not only dispenses the honors, but holds the sword of the community. The legislature not only commands the purse, but prescribes the rules by which the duties and rights of every citizen are to be regulated. The judiciary, on the contrary, has no influence over either the sword or the purse; no direction either of the strength or of the wealth of the society; and can take no active resolution whatever."

To reinforce the idea that the judiciary was to be a weaker, passive branch — only empowered to hear cases brought to it — he wrote, "It may truly be said to have neither FORCE nor WILL, but merely judgment; and must ultimately depend upon the aid of the executive arm even for the efficacy of its judgments." In fact, he said, "the judiciary is beyond comparison the weakest of the three departments."

Hamilton argued that contrary to assertions that judicial review would dilute republican government — divesting elected representatives of their authority — it

actually would strengthen it, because the court would ensure that the Constitution, which is the ultimate expression of the people's will, would remain superior to mere acts of legislation. He also anticipated that scholarly men of virtue, independent of political pressures, would render their decisions based on the law and facts.

It can hardly be denied that some of Brutus' fears have been realized through the years. The courts have hardly remained as limited in scope or as passive as theory suggested they would be. The court has, in many areas, become a super-legislature of expansive scope and, as a practical matter, is not always a passive body, because activist groups have become so mobilized, organized and manipulative that they can manufacture a "case or controversy" on almost any important issue at the drop of a hat. Plus, though most Supreme Court justices have indeed been learned, many have long since abdicated their duty to interpret the Constitution dispassionately and have adopted an activist, results-oriented approach to jurisprudence, which has systematically corrupted the integrity of the Constitution and, thus, of the rule of law and republican government.

The question is whether the court will strike down the manifestly unconstitutional Affordable Care Act and vindicate Alexander Hamilton or uphold it and thereby hammer yet one more nail in the coffin of this nation's precious liberty.

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by K. Rae Anderson

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WAIT! Don't do this page alone. If this page looks **TOO HARD**, find an older buddy to help you. If it looks **EASY**, find a younger buddy and help them!



The Bunny Buddies' Giggle Garden

Why did Bart Bunny get arrested for running through the farmer's garden?

What did Bella Bunny say to the last bite of her carrot?

Circle every third letter to reveal the answer.

**D G I R S T C B S V W
B J S E Y M E P H N X
B N Q V I G B C D T E
K P G R T N F O A H G
W S D I Z A N B W G
E T Y D V O S C U**

I _____!

9 6 11 21 1 5 13 6 14 15

21 8 2 12 2 7 11

Use the code to answer the above riddle.

7 = A 2 = E 6 = I 5 = R 1 = U
13 = B 15 = G 14 = N 11 = S 10 = V
9 = D 8 = H 12 = P 21 = T 3 = W

Do the math to reveal the answer to this riddle:

How does Bosco Bunny make gold soup?

15 - 10

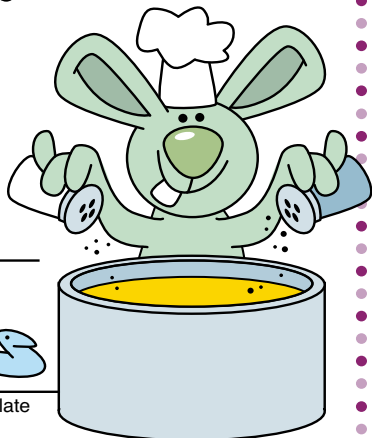
21 - 8

9 - 6

24 - 8

36 - 28

26 - 12



Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums and differences.

Why did Bayley Bunny swim across the Atlantic?

The letters along the correct path reveal the answer!

Use the clues to fill in the missing letters. The letters in the second vertical row reveal the punchline to this riddle:

How does Brianna Bunny stay healthy?

1.	C			
2.	A			
3.			Z	
4.		E		
5.	M			
6.	B			
7.			E	
8.				N
9.		H		

- ### CLUES
- Your teacher writes on a blackboard with this.
 - What ghosts like to do to houses.
 - A reward for winning.
 - Farmers plant these to grow crops.
 - Another word for engine.
 - The opposite of below.
 - What you are when you need rest.
 - A very large expanse of sea.
 - What is left after something burns.

Standards Link: Vocabulary: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

The Bunny Buddies have hidden marshmallow chickies all over this page. How many can you find in two minutes? Now have your buddy try. Who found the most?

Eggstra! Eggstra! Scrambled Easter Eggs

Look through the newspaper for words that spell "Easter Eggs." Cut them out. With your buddy, take turns mixing up the letters and spelling a new word. A player gets one point for each letter used.

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize common spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Each of the Bunny Buddies below has at least one look-alike, except for one. Can you find the unique bunny?

How do you catch a unique bunny?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

For lots more Easter puzzles and games, go to: www.kidscoop.com/kids

Double Double Word Search

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

B	O	S	W	I	M	G	R	W	D
T	P	A	E	K	J	G	S	E	Y
L	A	S	T	A	Y	E	T	N	E
A	G	C	E	G	G	S	S	G	L
E	E	G	A	Z	E	W	O	I	D
V	N	E	D	R	A	G	H	N	D
E	U	E	R	T	R	V	G	E	I
R	S	A	G	E	G	O	S	B	R
U	L	Y	N	N	U	B	T	A	K

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

Kid Scoop Funny Filler

Have a buddy give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then, read the story aloud for lots of laughs!

Growing Problems

"This can't be right," said Baxter Bunny as he looked at his garden. Instead of a row of carrots, there were _____
 _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN
 sprouting from the _____
 _____ NOUN
 He used a _____
 _____ NOUN
 to dig into the _____
 _____ NOUN
 Bobbi Bunny saw her brother carrying a _____
 _____ ADJECTIVE basket of _____
 _____ PLURAL NOUN. "_____!" she cried. "How will we make _____
 _____ NOUN stew for dinner
 _____ NOUN with nothing but _____
 _____ ADJECTIVE _____
 _____ PLURAL NOUN?"

Baxter said, "Don't worry, Sis. I have a _____
 _____ ADJECTIVE idea!" He painted a sign that said: "Buy one _____,
 _____ NOUN get a _____
 _____ NOUN FREE!"

_____ PLURAL NOUN came from _____
 _____ PLURAL NOUN miles around as word spread. Baxter and Bobbi soon had enough money to buy a _____
 _____ ADJECTIVE _____ NOUN of their favorite _____
 _____ PLURAL NOUN.

"Who knew there was a market for _____?
 _____ PLURAL NOUN" said Bobbi as they walked to the _____
 _____ NOUN.

Standards Link: Spelling: Recognize common spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop-doku

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

B	A	S	K	E	T
T					S
E	A	B			K
A	T	S			E
S					A
K	S	E	T	A	B

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Silly News Story

Mix and match news stories to create silly stories. Select a **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, **why** and **how** from different stories. Write a silly news story with these facts. For extra silliness, use quotes from other news stories.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write in a variety of forms and genres.

What is the Easter Bunny's favorite sport?

ANSWER: Basketball

Write On! Easter Bunny Spotted

The Easter Bunny has been spotted and you're the reporter covering the story. Be sure to tell **who**, **what**, **when**, **where**, **why** and **how**.

Bird Poop: Bundles of down

When the two boys had handed over the small bundles of white down, it was difficult for anyone to know whether to believe their story or not.

Saying they had found them in a dumpster was plausible, but questionable.

The larger of the two birds was about two weeks old. Its smaller sibling was probably eight to 10 days.

Although they were larger than newly hatched chickens, the twosome reminded her of how delicate and fragile something this young could be.

After mincing baby mice that the babies readily devoured, Diane Tracy of San Angelo alerted us to her having been given two great horned owls. "They're so tiny," she added.

When we met in Sterling City for a transfer, we both agreed the infants seemed to be in good health.

Even as we each held one of the babies in the palm of our hand, we were overwhelmed with the experience of cuddling this new life.

Our concern was how were they not affected by being dropped to the bottom of a dumpster.

So that Lubbock could be alerted to the delivery of these birds the next day, we photographed them.

After Art emailed their toddler performances, we watched as they tried to explore their container. Soon, warm and full from another meal, they cuddled together and slept.

Transferred to volunteer Gail Barnes with NightWings, another non-profit wildlife entity that specializes in owls and bats, we were relieved to have them under her care.

Although we had previously rescued infants from numerous raptor species, we recognized that her experience with the very young was exceptional.



BEBE
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Courtesy photo
Covered with white down, the larger, great horned owl is about two weeks old. The smaller bird is eight to 10 days. When nestled against each other, they appear to be fluffy balls of cotton.

When the phone rang the following week, concern in Gail's voice signaled that something was wrong.

"They're not standing properly. Their legs are splaying outward," she added.

After she held either one so that its feet were firmly placed, and the bird was ready to try walking, when she let go the owl rolled over on one side or the other.

Wanting to check our pictures again, we told her we'd call back later.

With the numerous pictures Art had taken, we could clearly see that the older owl was upright and mobile.

The younger one had tried like any toddler to follow its older sibling.

Also checking the pictures we sent, Gail had noticed the efforts of standing and walking. Since she was going to seek information and help nationwide from other rehabbers, she promised to notify us of her findings.

The somber tone of her voice the next day indicated that she had at least found an answer. But first she asked what

the weather conditions were like on the day Diane received the owls.

"It was blowing a gale," was my reply. Our vehicles had been buffeted by the winds. Dirt and leaves had swirled around us when we made the exchange.

Continuing the conversation, Gail said through references she had finally talked with an orthopedic veterinarian in California.

Known for its high winds, the "golden state" had an abundance of raptors blown from their nests by harsh, spring gusts.

Over time, this veterinarian's research had included birds of prey found on the ground after Santa Ana events and other windstorms. All shared a common problem.

When blown out of a nest and landing on their feet, the impact had compromised the young raptors' growth plates.

What we had photographed was the limit of development imposed by either our owls falling from their nest, or being taken from a nest and dropped in a dumpster.

"What now?" I asked. The California veterinarian had advised euthanasia.

Although the owls would continue to grow in body mass and wings, they would be crippled from the lack of growth in their legs. Unable to rise or walk, they were non-releasable.

Gail had given the twosome extra time as she had researched this phenomenon.

Another young great horned owl had joined their company and had seemed similar. However, with time, it had gained height, stature and mobility.

For us, the privilege of holding new life and the possibility of successful, maturing raptors was an incentive to keep trying. The time we had spent with the San Angelo pair had taught us that through the failure of development had come knowledge of how powerful a role nature plays in survival.

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Parent's Corner

No harm in a little white lie

Have you ever told a white lie? Well there are all kinds of stories about how people can get their lives in a mess by telling lies and some deservedly so but in the process are quite funny.

I read a story recently that was just this way. It seems that Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, but forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix and quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp.

When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!" So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom, a roll of toilet paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect.

Before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home.

When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold. Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified; she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed!

All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back. The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home.

The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south, and to Alice's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the mayor's wife said, "what a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess, who was a prominent church member say, "Thank you, I baked it myself." Alice smiled and thought to herself, "Serves her right!"

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Aggressive parents force cancellation of Easter egg hunt

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — An annual Easter egg hunt attended by hundreds of children has been canceled because of misbehavior last year. Not by the kids,

but by the grown-ups.

Too many parents determined to see their children get an egg hunt jumped a rope marking the boundaries of the children-only hunt at Bancroft Park last year.

The hunt was over in seconds, to the consternation of eggless tots.

Organizers say the hunt has gotten too big for the hundreds of children and parents now attending.

Last April's egg hunt, sponsored by the Old Colorado City Association, experienced a few technical difficulties, said Mazie Baalman, owner of Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory.

There was no place to hide the plastic eggs, which were filled with donated candy or coupons redeemable at nearby businesses. So

thousands of eggs were put in plain view on the grass. A bullhorn to start the event malfunctioned, so Baalman, master of ceremonies, used a public address system that was hard to hear.

"So everybody thinks you said 'Go,' and everybody goes, and it's over in seconds," Baalman said. "If one parent gets

in there, other parents say, 'If one can get in, we all can get in.'"

Parenting observers cite the cancellation as a prime example of so-called "helicopter parents" — those who hover over their children and are involved in every aspect of their children's lives — to ensure that they don't fail, even at an Easter egg hunt.

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- Coahoma at Denver City, TBA.

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- Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4 p.m.

Softball

- Big Spring at Abilene Wylie, 4:30 p.m.

Golf

- Big Spring Girls at Abilene, TBA.
- Forsan and Coahoma at Coahoma Invitational, Comanche Trail Golf Course, TBA.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com



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Golfers gathered at the Big Spring Country Club this past weekend for the third annual United Way three-man scramble. There were 162 players taking part in the two-day event. Two of the groups are shown teeing off at the Hole-In-One hole sponsored by Pollard Chevrolet.

Baylor pounds Tennessee, picks up Final Four bid

LUKE MEREDITH

AP Sports Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa — Top-seeded Baylor rolled through the Des Moines regional with such ease that the only stress the Bears had to endure was a late-game scuffle with Tennessee that saw Brittney Griner ejected.

Baylor can breathe easy knowing Griner won't be suspended for the Final Four.

The Lady Vols have much more to worry about in the weeks ahead.

Brittney Griner had 23 points, 15 rebounds and nine blocks before being bounced with less than a minute left for leaving the bench and Baylor pounded Tennessee 77-58 Monday night to advance to the Final Four.

The Lady Bears (38-0) are back in the national semifinals for the second time in three years and will face Stanford on Sunday night in Denver.

"Definitely happy that we got past this game. It's not over," Griner said. "It gets tougher as you go."

Should Baylor win it all, it'll become the first men's or women's team in NCAA history to finish a year with 40 wins. The powerhouse Bears are the heavy favorites to do just that, having dispatched Georgia Tech and Tennessee by an average of 17 points.

Neither of those games ever seemed that close, either.

"We're so happy, but you can't relax," Baylor's Destiny Williams said. "We have two more games left."

Jubilation was the last thing on the minds of Tennessee (27-9), whose seniors became its first four-year Lady Vols class not to reach a Final Four.

But that was just a side note considering that their legendary coach Pat Summitt has yet to say if she'll return for a 39th season.

She announced in August she'd been diagnosed with early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type.

"This team is about Pat Summitt. This team has battled all year," said Tennessee associate head coach Holly Warlick as she fought back tears. "I'm proud of them. I thought our team and coaching staff obviously was in a difficult situation. But I thought this team was responsive. I wouldn't trade anything that we did this year."

Baylor held Tennessee to just 30.3 percent shooting from the floor. Much of that was because of the inside presence of the 6-foot-8 Griner, who was just one block shy of her fifth career triple-

double.

"Defense wins ballgames for you," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey said. "I guess learned from two of the best. I learned from (Summitt) and (former Louisiana Tech coach) Leon Barmore, you better guard people. And these kids are going to guard you."

A rather ugly game for a purist's perspective got even uglier in the final 46.8 seconds.

Baylor's Odyssey Sims, who led the Bears with 27 points, tumbled to the floor, and she and Tennessee's Shekinna Stricklen had to be separated and were each assessed a technical foul for unsportsmanlike conduct.

No punches were thrown, but Griner and teammates Terran Condrey and Jordan Madden were ejected for leaving the bench. The NCAA says none of the players will be suspended for the Final Four.

"She just took it the wrong way. We had a little talking back and forth," Stricklen said about Sims. "I know Odyssey Sims. We played together on USA Basketball. I apologized after the game if she took it the wrong way. It's just not me. I'm not that type of person."

As for Summitt, she was given a standing ovation

from Tennessee and Baylor fans alike when she came out roughly 15 minutes before tip-off. But as defeat became apparent, she sat silently on the bench with her legs crossed.

Summitt has 1,098 wins, more than any basketball coach in NCAA history, but these Lady Bears were too much for her Lady Vols.

"It's not fun for me to coach against Pat," Mulkey said. "I don't take great pleasure in that. But I have a job to do."

Like most of Baylor's games this season, the Bears regional semifinal was more about dominance than drama.

Baylor led 35-20 at halftime despite a poor start shooting from Griner. Tennessee made a spirited charge to start the second half, highlighted when Glory Johnson scored a second-chance bucket on Griner and simply smiled when Griner tossed her to the floor.

But the Bears are unbeaten because they're much more than Griner.

Sims followed a layup through traffic with a 3 that helped Bears go back ahead 49-38 with 11:12 to go. Tennessee made one final run, cutting a 19-point deficit to 64-53 with 4:48 left, but Griner finished off the Lady Vols with six points in the next minute.

"I thought we did a good job on Griner early, I thought

we did a good job on Griner the whole game. The sign of a great team is other players step up and make shots and they did," Warlick said.

Stricklen had 22 points, but she needed 26 shots to get there. Johnson rebounded with 19 points and 14 rebounds for Tennessee, which had a habit of starting poorly.

But the Lady Vols were ready for this one — at least for the first few minutes.

Tennessee double-teamed Griner with center Vicki Baugh and help defenders, and Griner hit just three of 10 shots in the first half. But the Lady Vols missed nine shots in a row after an early lead, and Baylor slowly built its edge to 26-16 on three straight buckets by Sims.

The Lady Vols hung close with Baylor in late November before losing 76-67. The rematch wasn't nearly as close, sending the Bears onto Denver and Tennessee grappling with the possibility that Summitt's career is over after 38 seasons and eight national titles.

"Obviously I would want Pat's health to be better. I think like Pat, this team never gave up and they never used it as a crutch for how they were playing and what they did this year," Warlick said.

Rangers defeat Reds

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Jeff Francis' bid to make the Cincinnati Reds rotation as a non-roster invitee ran into a Texas-sized roadblock Monday night.

Ian Kinsler homered and Nelson Cruz each hit two-run doubles off Francis to power the Rangers to an 12-2 rout of the Reds.

"It was bad," Francis said. "Right now there is a lot of frustration. I have to think about what I did. I've had days like this before. It's not my first and not my last."

Francis retired the first three hitters but then allowed 11 runs on 11 hits, pitching three batters deep into the fourth inning without getting an out. He walked one and struck out four.

The left-hander was coming off an outing in which he gave up three runs — two earned — on seven hits in five innings with five strikeouts against Seattle on March 20.

The Reds have until Wednesday to place Francis on the 25-man roster otherwise he can opt out of his minor-league contract and try to catch

on with another club.

"We're still analyzing what we have and what we need," said Reds manager Dusty Baker. "He was just getting too many balls over the heart of the plate."

Texas batted around in the second against Francis, and again in the fourth against the combination of Francis and reliever Nick Christiani.

Michael Young had three hits and scored three runs, Mitch Moreland had a two-run single and Josh Hamilton added a two-run double for the Rangers, who won for only the second time in Surprise this spring.

While Francis struggled, Rangers starter Scott Feldman had little trouble with the Reds. Feldman, who likely will be a spot starter and long reliever in the Texas bullpen, scattered three hits over six scoreless innings and struck out nine.

Those strikeouts, Feldman said, essentially were accidental.

"I was talking to (Rangers execu

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Roddick upsets Federer

STEVEN WINE

AP Sports Writer

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Techno music rocked the stadium during a changeover, then faded, the din replaced by the crowd's cheers as Andy Roddick took his position at the baseline, one game from a win over nemesis Roger Federer.

Roddick held the balls, and that was the edge he needed. He served out the match to win 7-6 (4), 1-6, 6-4 Monday night in the third round at the Sony Ericsson Open.

With that, the fans roared again, saluting only the third victory for Roddick in 24 meetings with Federer.

"There is no script in sports, you know. I think that's what makes it the best entertainment in the world," Roddick said. "Nights like tonight are why you play the matches. You don't know what's going to happen."

On paper, it looked like a mismatch between former No. 1s, each a two-time champion in the event. The third-ranked Federer began the night 40-2 since the U.S. Open, while Rod-

dick's ranking had slipped to 34th, his lowest point since 2001.

But Roddick's serve kept him in the match, and then won it. He broke only once but held every service game in the first and last sets.

After falling behind 15-30 in the final game, he closed out the victory with an ace and two service winners, all at more than 130 mph. That ended Federer's streak of 77 consecutive wins against players outside the top 20.

"I feel like I lost against a former No. 1, not that I lost against a guy ranked 30 in the world," Federer said. "I'm happy to see Andy play really well. He's a great champion, and enjoy him while you have him. It was a great night for him and America's tennis."

Also dominating with the serve were Serena and Venus Williams, who both reached the quarterfinals.

Serena matched a career high with 20 aces to beat Samantha Stosur 7-5, 6-3.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your freedom is becoming increasingly important to you. You'd rather try for a weird, far-out dream than risk feeling claustrophobically wrapped in a security blanket.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Partnering with someone who sees you differently will change the way you see yourself. You're skilled in a way you hadn't realized, and with a little more work, this skill will be viable.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll shift from mood to mood rather quickly. You could blame it on your connection with the moon, your guiding luminary, and her romantic, mad, poetic influence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your ambitions may be practical, but they are fueled by a childlike idealism that has been a part of who you are since birth. Knowing what's at the root of your motivation will add gusto to your efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your personal effort will be the ingredient that brings about a quality experience for someone else. You can't help but take that responsibility seriously. This is one of the reasons you're so popular now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone who has wronged you will endeavor to make things right. This person may not succeed in this effort, at least not by your

standards, but you consider the effort sincere and may be moved to forgiveness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's a complex world, and it takes a complex mind like yours to navigate it well. At the end of the day, you may feel exhausted by your own complications. Nonetheless, count them as the gifts they are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You keep after your desire because it burns in you. Tenacity is more than a talent or quality; it's a habit. It may be the very habit that helps you go down in history.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Ever practical, you will get on with the business of loving your family and friends in a way they can see, touch and count on. You believe your works prove the sincerity and depth of your feelings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To anyone trying to break into a new business, the business world can be hard and uninviting, an endless series of closed clubs. Your cheerful demeanor helps to melt the first line of defense.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

20). Big change can happen when you start small. You'll make new agreements, especially with yourself. The key to keeping them is to make them extremely pleasurable and easily achieved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27). Your year opens with a touch of glamour as you improve your personal environment. The next six weeks feature a change in your social lineup. You'll make new friends, and people from the past return with fresh, exciting energy. June features love and laughter and travel. Family events are featured in August. Taurus and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 14, 39 and 30.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I recently had a breakup that left me somewhat jaded. I hope this year is brighter. My birthday is February 28, 1981. Thanks!"

When you were born, the sun, Venus and Mars were all in the sign of Pisces, indicating that you are sensitive, intuitive, artistic and empathic. It also suggests

that when you give your heart, you give it all. You don't inherently know how to protect yourself in love — or even know that such a thing is possible. Once you fall, you go down hard. And yet, with Jupiter in Libra, the right partnerships will open up your world and make you rich in more ways than one. So try not to be, as you say, "jaded." You have much to gain from love!

Use your natural abilities to be a stellar judge of character. Take it slow, and observe carefully. Whether or not a relationship works out for you is more a function of making the right match to begin with than anything else. I know it seems far away, but January and February 2013 bring stellar alliances to benefit every part of your life. Until then, have fun. Get to know many different types of people, and enjoy being single!

CELEBRITY

PROFILES: International pop sensation Jessie J suffered a minor stroke at the age of 18 and later declared that the health scare made her a better artist and inspired her to take more risks in life and art. J was born when the sun was in daring Aries and the moon was in show-stopping Leo. Mercury in imaginative and musical Pisces ensures that J will continue to grow and explore with each new song.

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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

A Question of Probabilities

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♦K 4
♥A Q J 6
♦A J 9 8
♣K 4 3

WEST
♠8 5
♥9 7 2
♦Q 7 4 3
♣Q J 10 6

EAST
♠9 6 2
♥K 10 8 4
♦K 5
♣A 9 8 5

SOUTH
♠A Q J 10 7 3
♥5 3
♦10 6 2
♣7 2

The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
2NT Pass 4♣

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

There are many deals where success or failure for the declarer depends strictly on the opposing distribution and/or the location of specific key cards. But there are also many deals where the outcome depends on how declarer elects to play rather than on how the opposing cards are divided. It is these hands that are of the greatest interest to most players.

Take this case where the defense starts by playing three rounds of clubs, declarer ruffing the third. How should South proceed?

One possibility is to play for West to have the king of hearts, in which

case two successful heart finesses will allow South to avoid a heart loser and to discard one of his losing diamonds. Declarer's only losers in that case would be two clubs and a diamond.

A second possibility is to attempt two finesses in diamonds against the missing king and queen. If West has either or both honors, declarer will lose only two clubs and a diamond, eventually discarding his heart loser on dummy's fourth diamond.

Ultimately, the proper line of play boils down to a question of probabilities. Since there is only a 50 percent chance that West was dealt the king of hearts, and about a 75 percent chance that he was dealt one or both diamond honors, it follows that declarer should pin his hopes on the diamond suit.

Accordingly, after drawing trumps and discarding a heart from dummy, declarer leads a low diamond to dummy's eight. In the actual deal, East wins with the king and returns a club, ruffed by South. Declarer then leads the diamond ten and lets it ride. When the ten holds, the finesse is repeated, and the contract is made.

Note, though, that if South starts by leading the ten of diamonds initially rather than a low one, he goes down. In that case, he'll find himself in the wrong hand after the second diamond finesse wins, and eventually he'll have to lose a trick to the king of hearts.

Tomorrow: As ye sow, so shall ye reap.

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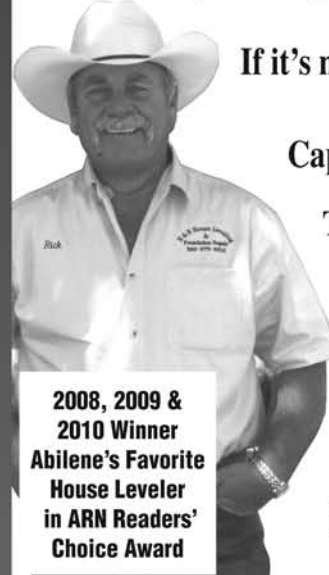
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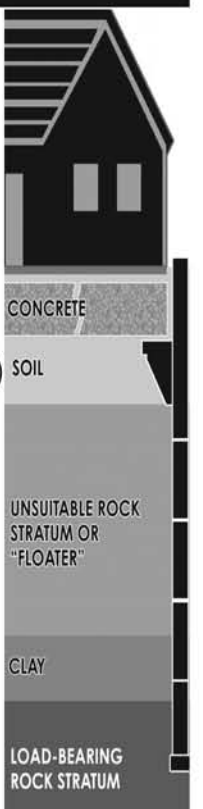
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DENNIS THE MENACE

3-27

"YOUR MUTT GAVE MY DOG FLEAS!"

"RUFF LIKES TO SHARE!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

3-27

"I forget what it was we weren't going to tell Grandma about."

HAGAR

3-27

BEING A VIKING AND BEING HATED BY EVERY PERSON YOU MEET ISN'T SO BAD...

AT LEAST YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ENEMIES ARE...

BLONDIE

3-27

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH ONE OF MY GOOD KITCHEN KNIVES?

I WANT TO TIGHTEN A LOOSE SCREW

YOU HAVE ALL KINDS OF SCREWDRIERS IN YOUR BASEMENT WORKSHOP! USE ONE OF THOSE!

BUT THEY'RE IN THE BASEMENT

WIZARD OF ID

3-27

DID YOU KNOW "POLITICS" WAS INVENTED BY THE GREEKS?

WHAT DID THEY CALL IT?

MYTHOLOGY.

AGNES

3-27

GO GET IT, HENRY

ZIP

NOW, THAT'S FETCH!

HI AND LOIS

3-27

MY NEW BLOG IS CALLED "HOW TO FAKE SINCERITY WHEN PEOPLE QUESTION YOUR INTEGRITY."

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WOO-HOO! VIRAL, HERE I COME!

THE OTHER COAST

3-27

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CAN I GET A DOGGY BAG FOR MY BEER?

SNUFFY SMITH

3-27

WHOA! NICE STICK HANDLING BY NUMBER 50. THAT'S GONNA HURT!

THAT LEFT HOOK REALLY RANG HIS BELL! HE'LL BE DIZZY FOR WEEKS!

PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES CAN SMACK ANYONE WITH IMPUNITY. YET WE CAN'T EVEN NIP AN ANKLE WITHOUT GETTING INTO TROUBLE. IT'S NOT FAIR.

I THINK IT'S THE UNIFORM THAT GETS YOU THE PASS.

BETLE BAILEY

3-27

GUESS WHO'S HERE, PAW?

I DON'T HAFTA GUESS, 'WEEZY !!

THAT SISTER O' YORES AIN'T SHUT UP FER THREE SOLID HOURS !!

WELL, I NEVER !!

AT LEAST SHE ADMITS IT !!

BETLE BAILEY

3-27

ZERO, RAKE UP ALL THOSE LEAVES SO WE CAN TAKE THEM TO THE DUMP

OKAY, SARGE

WHERE IS MY JEEP?

FILLED WITH THE LEAVES!

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, March 27, the 87th day of 2012. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1912, first lady Helen Herron Taft and the wife of Japan's ambassador to the United States, Viscountess Chinda, planted the first two of 3,000 cherry trees given as a gift by the mayor of Tokyo on the north bank of Washington, D.C.'s Tidal Basin.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon (hwahn pahns duh LEE'-ohn) sighted present-day Florida.

In 1625, Charles I acceded to the English throne upon the death of James I.

In 1794, Congress approved "An Act to provide a Naval Armament" of six armed ships.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated in Kirtland, Ohio.

In 1911, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1942, American service-men were granted free mailing privileges.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was hit by a powerful earthquake and tsunamis that killed about 130 people.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin (gah-GAH'-rihn), the first man to orbit the Earth, died in a plane crash.

In 1977, 583 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife (ten-uh-REEF').

In 1980, 123 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander Kielland, capsized during a storm.

In 1992, more than a month after winning the Olympic gold medal in men's figure skating, Viktor Petrenko of the former Soviet Union won his first world title in Oakland, Calif.

Today's Birthdays: Former newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 85. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 78.

Answer to previous puzzle

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HAVEA	ISLE	MARK
STERN	SEED	SWAY

Newsday Crossword

GET A GRIP by Billie Truitt
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ACROSS

1 Future flowers
5 "What time ___?"
9 Rays of light
14 Creme-filled cookie
15 Hurry up
16 Copped ___ (bargained in court)
17 Norway's capital
18 Competent
19 Wet, weatherwise
20 Sweetheart
23 "Be Prepared" org.
24 Tire contents
25 Old Testament prophet
27 Three-line Japanese poem
31 Dulls the edge of
34 Optimistic aspect
36 Yolk holder
37 Numerical fact, for short
41 Short on cash
44 Be worried
45 Give a nickname to a task
46 Go back to a task
47 Day following Lent
50 When brunch may start
51 Buffet table-heater
54 Musical sense
56 Evil spell
57 During a critical time
64 Truism

DOWN

1 Prosperous time
2 ___ Major (Big Dipper's locale)
3 Neighborhood food shop
4 Shortly
5 Baghdad native
6 Commuter's home
7 Cruise stop
8 "... of ___ I sing"

9 Most sparsely furnished
10 Clean air agcy.
11 Suspect's story
12 High-IQ group
13 Doctor's request
21 ___ Arabia (Clever nation)
22 Clever remark
26 Help out
27 ___ and puff
28 Copycat
29 "That's clear now!"
30 Out of ___ (amiss)
32 Leave alone
33 "That's yucky!"
35 Finishes with bolt fastener
39 Pinnacle

40 At that time
42 Belly
43 Oyster's gem
48 Twenty Questions category
49 Land, as a fish
51 Crude dwelling
52 Houston resident
53 Banish
55 Performed in a play
58 Those people
59 Add to the payroll
60 Manipulative one
61 Bangkok citizen
62 On-the-cob serving
63 Contain
65 Cheer for a matador

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Indianapolis hones in on Luck

MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Colts will soon get a more thorough look at Andrew Luck.

They won't have the same opportunity with Robert Griffin III.

General manager Ryan Grigson said Monday the Colts plan to bring Luck to Indianapolis for an individual workout during the next couple of weeks. Luck is widely expected to be the No. 1 pick in next month's draft.

Griffin is expected to go second, but Grigson said the Colts wouldn't see the Heisman Trophy winner work out at the team complex.

"Circumstances didn't allow

us to do anything private with him (Griffin) so we did the usual Pro Day," Grigson said during a conference call.

"We did the best we could with that situation. We do have a private workout that we're scheduling with Andrew in the future."

Team owner Jim Irsay has already said he plans to take Peyton Manning's successor with the No. 1 pick, but nobody within the organization is saying whether they'll take the consensus favorite, Luck, or the fast riser, Griffin.

Luck is considered the most polished quarterback to come out of college since Manning was taken No. 1 overall by the

Colts in 1998.

"Obviously you want to go No. 1, who wouldn't want to go No. 1?" Luck said after last week's Pro Day workout. "I'm just trying to prepare myself for the NFL, whichever team that is. Whether it's watching certain defenses or going out there and working on throws I've never done before. That's been my focus and it hasn't been hard to stay on that path."

Without Manning, the Colts collapsed last season. They went a league-worst 2-14, and have embarked on an ambitious rebuilding project -- one that no longer includes Manning.

Clearly, this is a team in transition.

RODDICK

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"My serve was hot," Williams said. "I was like, 'That's pretty cool.'"

She avenged a loss to Stosur when they last met in the U.S. Open final in September.

"That wasn't in my mind," Williams said. "I just thought, 'This is a new game.'"

Older sister Venus won her third consecutive three-set match, hitting 13 aces as she outlasted No. 15-seeded Ana Ivanovic 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-2. Williams is playing in her first tournament since withdrawing from the U.S. Open last August after being diagnosed with an autoimmune disease.

"I come out on court knowing I can play well, but almost with no expectations," Williams said.

Top-ranked Victoria Azarenka lost 10 of the first 11 games, then rallied to remain unbeaten this year by beating No. 16-seeded Dominika Cibulkova 1-6, 7-6 (7), 7-5. Azarenka was two points from defeat five times, but swept the last three games and extended her winning streak to

26 matches, all in 2012.

"I'm proud of the way I fought," she said. "With my game I don't think I'm really pleased, but it doesn't really matter. The most important is that I found the resources."

Also reaching the quarterfinals was No. 2 Maria Sharapova, who overcame 11 double-faults to beat Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Sharapova won despite committing 52 unforced errors and losing her serve four times.

No. 1 Novak Djokovic advanced to the fourth round by beating No. 27-seeded Viktor Troicki 6-3, 6-4.

Djokovic is bidding for his third Key Biscayne title and second in a row.

No. 8-seeded Mardy Fish assured he'll remain the top-ranked American man by beating No. 28 Kevin Anderson 6-4, 6-3.

Federer lost only seven points on his serve in the opening set, but when he failed to put away an overhead trailing 4-3 in the tiebreaker, the match swung Roddick's way.

Federer squandered another chance with a 1-0 lead in the third set, failing to convert four

break points in the next game. After Roddick escaped for 1-all, he earned his lone break in the next game, his grunts filling the stadium as he cracked four forehand winners.

"One of the best return games I ever played," Roddick said.

"It was a big turn of events there in five minutes," Federer said. "That's how tennis goes sometimes."

Roddick served out the final four games without facing a break point. When he let loose a 134-mph serve to win the final point, he raised his arms and waved his racket at the heavens.

He was thinking of his agent, Miamian Ken Meyerson, who died in October.

"I felt like I was a crazy person because I think I was having full dialogues with him the last 30 minutes of the match," Roddick said. "I was just letting him know that I heard him."

Roddick had reason to look for assistance from above: He had lost 52 of 64 sets against Federer entering the match. Federer had won six meetings in a row since Roddick beat him in the Key Biscayne quarterfinals in 2008.

Tebow and Sanchez believe they can coexist in New York

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AP Sports Writer

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP) — The message was the same from the New York Jets' two quarterbacks: We can do this.

And, not only that. Both Mark Sanchez and Tim Tebow think they're going to have lots of fun along the way.

A brewing quarterback controversy? Not if you ask them.

"I think we'll have a great working relationship," Tebow told the sea of reporters at his introductory news conference Monday. "We talked about that, just supporting one another in our roles. I'm excited about that opportunity. I think we'll have a great relationship and hopefully we'll be able to thrive together."

Sanchez, meanwhile, was nowhere near the Jets' packed practice facility. He was home in California — and didn't even watch Tebow smile his way through his first New York close-up.

"I heard he did a pretty good job," Sanchez said on a conference call five hours later. "How did he do?"

Well, Tebow handled himself just fine in the spotlight, a situation Sanchez has been accustomed to during his first three NFL seasons.

"As the quarterback of the Jets, I'm getting wins for this team," Sanchez said. "That's my primary focus. If Tim is going to help us win, I'm excited about that."

They've known each other for a few years, and Sanchez even hosted Tebow at the University of Southern California on a recruiting trip.

"He's a very classy person with a lot of integrity," Tebow said. "He's also fun to hang around. I think our quarterback room will be a lot of fun."

Sanchez was equally as complimentary, dishing out the praise for his celebrity backup.

"He's such a good guy, people don't want to believe it," Sanchez said. "There's no such thing as that good of a guy, but he is. He's a great guy, and he's going to make a great teammate."

RANGERS

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tive) Greg Maddux and he said not to even try to strike guys out," Feldman said. "Just try and get ground balls and that's what I did tonight. You can see why he won a lot of games."

Rangers closer Joe Nathan, who entered the game having allowed eight runs in five innings, threw a perfect seventh and struck out two. Right-hander Mike Adams followed with a

scoreless eighth.

Reds reliever Bill Bray, who has been slowed this spring by a groin injury, gave up two hits but struck out the side in the sixth.

"Once I got that first fastball out of the way I was really pleased," Bray said. "I was really, really happy. With a week to go I'm going to give it my best shot to be ready when the season starts."

Juan Francisco homered off Mark Lowe in the ninth for Cincinnati.

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