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Grant gets county OK

Should give small boost to law enforcement center

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead Monday to accept a joint block grant that could help fund improvements for both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and Big Spring Police Department.

The funding — expected to total ap-

proximately \$12,000 — is aimed at providing technical equipment for law enforcement agencies, according to Sheriff Stan Parker.

"The split on this grant goes strictly by the crime statistics, so the police department will get about 90 percent and the sheriff's department will get 10 percent, which equates out to about \$1,100," Parker said. "It's not a lot of money, but

in these times, every dollar counts." Parker said he is working with BSPD officials to decide how the funds will be used.

"Right now we're considering using it for the new joint law enforcement center," Parker said. "This grant has to be used for technology and the

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Students qualify for state

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Austin, here they come. Several Crossroads area students will be heading to the University Interscholastic League state academic meet later this spring, thanks to strong showings at this past weekend's regional events.

Big Spring High School's Shermila Kher qualified for the state meet in two events, placing first in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and second in persuasive speaking during the Region I-3A academic meet at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Kher will be joined in Austin by BSHS classmate Lacy McMurtrey, who finished second in literary criticism at the regional meet.

Other BSHS students' results from the regional meet included: Seth Trevino, fourth in persuasive speaking; Shiloh Creswell, sixth in informative speaking; and Ricky Shubert, sixth in headline writing.

Five students from Forsan High School qualified for the state academic meet with strong showings at the Region I-2A meet in Abilene this past weekend.

Sydney Holdampf, Brady Gartman, Kyle Stevenson and Trevin Cherry won the team competition in number sense to earn a spot at state. In addition, Holdampf's second place finish in the event earned her a berth in individual number sense competition.

Gartman placed fourth in individual number sense competition.

Other area students who qualified for the state academic meet are:

- Sands' Hayden Ware, Preston Zant, Jerad Staggs and Aaron Ragle qualified in team number sense competition at the Region I-1A academic meet in Levelland. Also, Ware won the number sense individual competition.
- Grady's Abby Hanson, who placed second in news writing at the Region I-1A regional meet in Levelland.
- Garden City's Kadden

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Cassatt returning to Odessa

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The highly esteemed, New York-based Cassatt String Quartet will perform its sixth annual mini-residency, entitled "Cassatt in the Basin," Sunday through Saturday, May 5, designed to give area students the opportunity to study with artist-teachers and develop chamber music audiences of the future.

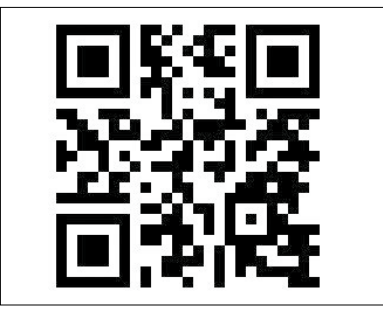
According to Lynda L. Ciolek, spokesperson for the quartet, the program — sponsored by the Ector County Independent School District's Education Foundation — continues work begun by the Cassatt String Quartet in November

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Courtesy photo

The Cassatt String Quartet will be holding a week-long program on chamber music at various educational campuses in Odessa. The classes are open to everyone in the Permian Basin area.



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'Garage' giveaway set at Nazarene church

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

One person's junk is another person's treasure isn't a new concept, but one that might interest Crossroads residents later this week.

First Church of the Nazarene will be hosting the second annual Community Garage

Giveaway Saturday.

Set up will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Tables will be provided for those wanting to donate new or gently used items. The actual giveaway will be from 8 a.m. until noon Saturday. All items are free to

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Home Cooking put on back burner

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Home Cooking with Hangar 25 will have to wait, at least until Memorial Day weekend.

Those who were wanting to take part in the cook-off, originally set for this Sat-

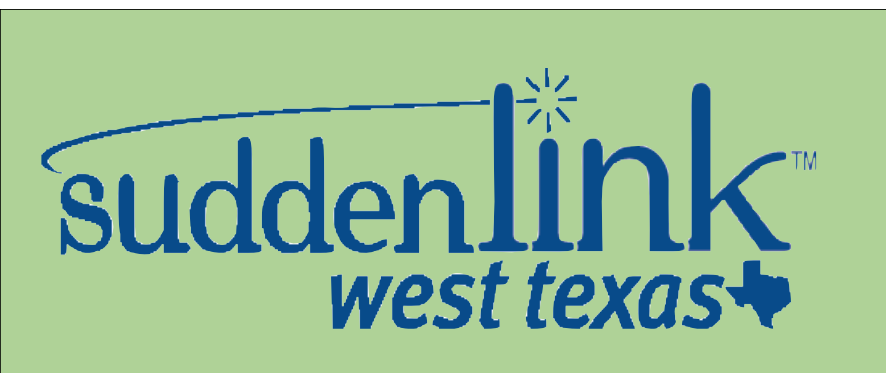
urday, can hold off on preparations just a little bit.

"We decided to move the cook-off to coincide with Memorial Day," Museum Administrator Genevieve Stockburger said.

More details will be released closer to the new cook-off date.

Registration forms can still be found online at www.hangar25airmuseum.com or by stopping by the museum, located at 1911 Apron Drive.

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Obituaries

Jo Ann Avants



Jo Ann Avants passed away April 20, 2012, in Fort Worth, Texas, at the age of 88. A service for relatives and friends will be held in the Fort Worth area at Bluebonnet Hills Funeral Home, Colleyville, Texas, on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 12:30 p.m., with family visitation that day from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Interment will be in Big Spring, Texas, with a graveside service for friends at Trinity Memorial Park cemetery on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at 2 p.m.

Jo Ann raised her family in Big Spring, Texas, and lived there 51 years, from 1958 to 2009, but had moved to Fort Worth in recent years to be closer to family. Jo Ann was born Feb. 3, 1924, in Grandfield, Okla., to Ezra Otus Parker and Lorena Mae (Lola) Riddle Parker. She grew up in Arp, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob Bradbury, in 1974, and by her husband, Warnell Avants, in 1997.

Jo Ann was a member of First Baptist Church since 1958. She taught first grade Sunday school for many years. She often provided meals or rides for others in need. She enjoyed bridge clubs, playing 88, 42, and Joker, and she enjoyed traveling, including trailer trips and the trailer club.

Jo Ann is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. These include her son, Gary Bradbury and his wife Chris, of Boerne, Texas; daughter Sherry Purdom and her husband Louie, of Hurst, Texas; and son Robert Bradbury and his wife Joy, of Houston. Grandchildren include Clint Bradbury, Cory St. Aubin, Lisa Bruneau, Tim Bruneau, Kasey Anderson, Kelly Purdom, Lisa Bradbury and Kevin Bradbury. Great-grandchildren include Andrew Strowd, Amanda Bradbury, Whitney St. Aubin, Dalton St. Aubin, Barret Bruneau, Landry Anderson and Reese Anderson.

Paid obituary

Lewis Melvin 'L.M.' Newby Jr.



Lewis Melvin "L.M." Newby Jr., age 62 of Colorado City died Saturday, April 21, 2012, surrounded by family. He was a native and lifelong resident of Colorado City.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Newby; daughters, Michelle Lancaster and Paige Newby; chosen son, Jason Hollaway; mother-in-law, Jimmie Tidwell of Colorado City; and three grandchildren. Also surviving L.M. is his brother,

Randy Newby of San Antonio; a cousin; brothers-in-law, Mike Moore and wife Tonya of Seagraves, Texas, Steve Moore and wife Janie of Colorado City, and Kerry Tidwell and wife Laura of Coahoma; and several nieces, nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law/chosen son, Chad Moore.

The family will be holding a celebration of his life all day Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Newby home.

Police blotter

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

- **KIRSTEN TASHAY LEWIS**, 27, of 4102 Muir St., was arrested Monday on warrants for speeding in a school zone, failure to appear and criminal mischief – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- **MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR**, 22, of 1604 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication and assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- **TEREL DEVON HOUSTON**, 20, of 2609 Hunter, was arrested Monday on warrants for driving while license invalid (two counts), theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and failure to appear (two counts).
- **JOSE ANTONIO MORAN JR.**, 18, of 1902 E. 11th Place, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, juvenile curfew violation, possession/purchase/consumption of tobacco by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **CLARENCE ERIC FRANKS**, 55, of 2209 Cecilia, was arrested Monday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to display driver's license.
- **GRACIELA LEAL**, 41, of 1504 Nolan, was arrested Monday on a warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **KYLER RAY CANNADY**, 22, of 1513 Wood, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 44, of 405.5 N. Moss Lake Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- **THEFT** was reported: In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 100 block of N. Main Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.

Sheriff

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

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 54 inmates at the time of this report.

- **MARIO ILDEFONSO SALAZAR**, 22, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury – family violence.
- **TEREL DEVON HOUSTON**, 20, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of theft – more than \$50 and less than \$500 and municipal warrants for driving while license invalid, miscellaneous Class C and failure to appear (two counts).
- **JOSE A MORAN JR.**, 18, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and municipal capias warrants for curfew violation, possession/purchase/use of tobacco by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **GRACIE LEAL**, 41, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on a capias warrant for driving while license invalid.
- **CLARENCE ERIC FRANKS**, 55, was booked into the county detention center Tuesday by the BSPD on capias warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to display driver's license.
- **CHAD ALLEN MUSGROVE**, 44, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

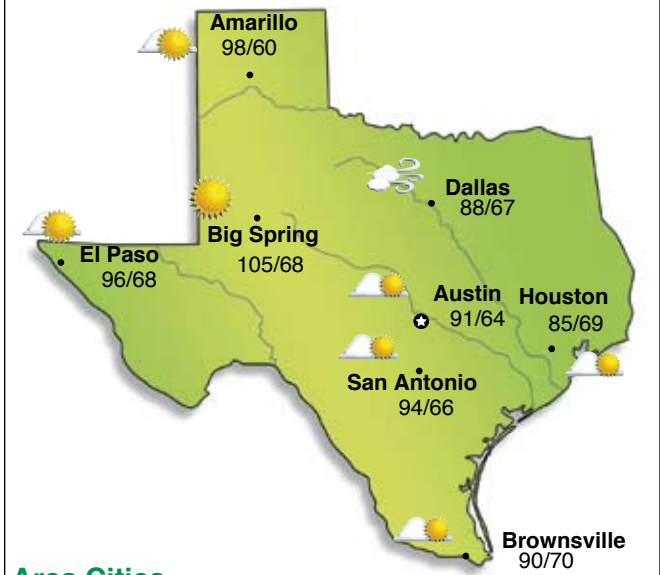
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 4/25	Thu 4/26	Fri 4/27	Sat 4/28	Sun 4/29
105/68 Sunny skies. Record high temperatures expected. High around 105F.	104/68 Windy with times of sun and clouds.	94/62 Windy with plenty of sun. High in the mid 90s and lows in the low 60s.	89/57 A few clouds. High in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	78/55 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.
Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM	Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	102	71	sunny	Kingsville	93	68	pt sunny
Amarillo	98	60	mst sunny	Livingston	87	65	mst sunny
Austin	91	64	pt sunny	Longview	86	66	windy
Beaumont	82	68	sunny	Lubbock	102	62	sunny
Brownsville	90	70	pt sunny	Lufkin	89	66	mst sunny
Brownwood	99	68	mst sunny	Midland	105	70	sunny
Corpus Christi	87	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	93	68	pt sunny
Corsicana	87	65	windy	Rosenberg	84	68	pt sunny
Dallas	88	67	windy	San Antonio	94	66	pt sunny
Del Rio	100	68	pt sunny	San Marcos	90	65	pt sunny
El Paso	96	68	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	85	66	windy
Fort Stockton	102	68	sunny	Sweetwater	104	69	sunny
Gainesville	89	65	windy	Tyler	86	65	windy
Greenville	85	64	windy	Weatherford	91	65	mst sunny
Houston	85	69	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	96	66	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	79	59	pt sunny	Minneapolis	76	46	rain
Boston	59	41	pt sunny	New York	61	49	pt sunny
Chicago	66	49	rain	Phoenix	88	65	cloudy
Dallas	88	67	windy	San Francisco	62	54	rain
Denver	83	56	pt sunny	Seattle	60	49	rain
Houston	85	69	pt sunny	St. Louis	84	65	pt sunny
Los Angeles	69	55	rain	Washington, DC	68	53	mst sunny
Miami	81	66	sunny				

Moon Phases



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Wed 4/25	Thu 4/26	Fri 4/27	Sat 4/28	Sun 4/29
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The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.
- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

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News in brief

If Supreme Court rejects Obama's health law, employers, insurers will drive their own overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Supreme Court strikes down President Barack Obama's health care law, employers and insurance companies — not the government — will be the main drivers of change over the next decade and maybe even longer.

They'll borrow some ideas from Obamacare, and push harder to cut costs.

Business can't and won't take care of America's 50 million uninsured, but for the majority with coverage, here's what experts say to expect:

— Workers will bear more of their own medical costs as job coverage shifts to plans with higher deductibles, the amount you pay out of pocket each year before insurance kicks in. Traditional workplace insurance will lose ground to high-deductible plans with tax-free accounts for routine medical expenses, to which employers can contribute.

— Increasingly, smokers will face financial penalties if they don't at least seriously try to quit. Employees with a weight problem and high cholesterol are next. They may get tagged as health risks and nudged into diet programs.

Official Washington treads delicately around Secret Service prostitution scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The widening Secret Service prostitution scandal has touched off a delicate dance in Washington.

People are loath to criticize an agency whose employees are trained to take a bullet for the people they protect. Members of Congress pressing for the

juicy stories risk reviving — or having revealed — some of their own.

Yet all parties claim to want the truth about the extent of sworn officers working for one of the nation's premier law enforcement agencies hiring Colombian sex workers ahead of President Barack Obama's visit there and whether national security may have been compromised.

Spinning the facts as they emerge poses more risk: The Secret Service and the military are supposed to be above politics, dedicated to protecting presidents, their families and the nation.

"Sure, it creates a problem for President Obama. It adds to the sense that Washington is broken. But if the Republicans try to make this a point in their arguments, they are making a big mistake," GOP strategist Karl Rove said on "Fox News Sunday."

They agree: Obama, Romney push to extend reduced student loan rates; eyes on young voters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wooing young voters, President Barack Obama is on a blitz to keep the cost of college loans from soaring for millions of students, taking his message to three states strategically important to his re-election bid. By taking on student debt, Obama is speaking to middle-class America and targeting an enormous burden that threatens the economic recovery.

Before Obama got his road trip under way, Republican opponent Mitt Romney found a way to steal some thunder from the president's campaign argument: He agreed with it.

The competitors are now on record for freezing the current interest rates on a popular federal loan for poorer and middle-class students. The issue is looming because the rate will double from 3.4 per-

cent to 6.8 percent on July 1 without intervention by Congress, an expiration date chosen in 2007 when a Democratic Congress voted to chop the rate in half.

Obama is heading to campuses in the South, West and Midwest to sell his message to colleges audiences bound to support it. As he pressures Republicans in Congress to act, he will also be trying to energize the young people essential to his campaign — those who voted for him last time and the many more who have turned voting age since then.

Is there gold in them there asteroids? Tycoons say yes and plan a cosmic mining venture

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of high-tech tycoons wants to mine nearby asteroids, hoping to turn science fiction into real profits.

The mega-million dollar plan is to use commercially built robotic ships to squeeze rocket fuel and valuable minerals like platinum and gold out of the lifeless rocks that routinely whiz by Earth. One of the company founders predicts they could have their version of a space-based gas station up and running by 2020.

The inaugural step, to be achieved in the next 18 to 24 months, would be launching the first in a series of private telescopes that would search for rich asteroid targets.

Several scientists not involved in the project said they were thrilled and skeptical.

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Kothmann, who placed third in number sense at the Region II-1A academic meet in Abilene.

• Stanton's one-act play ensemble qualified as an alternate to the state competition by placing third at the Region II-2A meet in Abilene.

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GIVEAWAY

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the public. "This is something that seemed to have worked last year and we wanted to do it again," C.J. Ward, church secretary, said. Saturday, small groups will be let in to browse the selections and choose their items. Then, another group will come in and the process will repeat for the remainder of the event. "This is one way we can give back to the community," Ward said. She continued with scripture being used to promote the event, "Hebrews 13:16 says 'and do not forget to do good and share with others because with such sacrifice God is pleased.'"

To find out more about the giveaway, call 267-7015. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

COUNTY

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construction of the center isn't necessarily all-inclusive, so there are things we're going to need there. We're working with the police department to make sure we use the funding where it's needed the most."

The law enforcement project, a joint venture between the county and the city, will eventually house both the Howard County Sheriff's Office and the Big Spring Police Department on the same site as the coun-

ty's detention center, located on W. Highway 80.

County Judge Mark Barr said he's pleased to see the law enforcement agencies working to make the most of the grant money.

"The overall amount of the grant isn't very much when you look at the budgets of either law enforcement agency," Barr said. "However, when spent right, that money can have a tremendous impact on their ability to serve the community, and that's what matters most."

Also during Monday's meeting, commission-

ers met with Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs in an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Dobbs declined to comment on the nature of the meeting, saying only the matter was personal. Barr also declined to discuss the details of the meeting. No action was taken as a result of the executive session.

Commissioners also met with County Auditor Jackie Olson, holding a budget work session to discuss the upcoming fiscal plan. The court met with several department heads during the workshop,

which Barr described as the beginning of the budgetary process.

"Things are looking pretty good for the coming year. It's looking like our mineral values will likely go up, lowering the effective tax rate," Barr said. "That's good news for everyone."

Barr said one concern he and the rest of the court has going into this year's budget process is the county's existing pay scale and how it's applied to the various departments.

"We have a bit of a problem with the pay scale the way it is," Barr said. "Each department

has their own way of doing things and it can really get confusing. One of the things we want to look at this year is trying to revamp the pay scale system.

"Bear in mind, this isn't a reason for county employees to get scared. We're not planning to cut anyone's pay as a result of this. Right now, we're not even sure what we can or can't do to try to fix this, so we're still just looking at the issue."

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CASSATT

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2007.

"Members of the Cassatt String Quartet — Muneko Otani, violin; Jennifer Leshnowar, violin; Sarah Adams, viola; and Nicole Johnson, cello — will instruct junior high and high school string students," said Ciolek. "Jan Mayfield, Odessa High School orchestra director, spearheaded this project with her colleague, Todd Berridge, Permian High School's orchestra director.

"The Cassatt String Quartet will offer student quartet coaching, master classes in which the quartet will hear and critique students performing their pieces. That includes demonstrations by the quartet of proper communication, interpretation and performance technique, as well as open rehears-

als and concert performances."

Set Sunday through May 5 at various locations in Odessa, Ciolek said the program is open to all Permian Basin students and teachers.

"Teachers and students from Permian and Odessa High Schools, ECISD, MISD, Odessa College, Midland College, UTPB Howard College and other communities in the Permian Basin are welcome to attend any educational and performance events," said Ciolek. "All events are free to the public."

Ciolek said the pro-

gram will kick off Sunday with a special spring seminar from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Wanger Noel Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, located at 1310 N. FM 1788 in Midland. The event is free and open to the public.

"Members of the quartet will conduct a master-class with the video and audio aspects broadcast via the streaming server on campus," said Ciolek. "The master-class will include an in-

teractive question and answer session for students from other campuses."

For more information on the program, contact Todd Berridge at todd.berridge@ectorcountyisd.org or Jan Mayfield at Jan_Mayfield@yahoo.com

The Cassatt celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2006 with a series of world-premieres and a performance at the Library of Congress on the Library's Stradivarius Collection. Recently, the Cassatt offered concerts

for the American Academy in Rome, Cornell and Syracuse Universities, were guest clinicians at the the Texas Music Educators Association and gave mini-residencies at the Centro Nacional de las Artes in Mexico City, Vassar College and the University of Texas at Austin.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we make You, Lord, our teammate.
Amen

Dreaming about a new 'norm'

Lavishly paid executives have a new 1 percent number to ponder. It's not about their perch on the top branch of U.S. incomes. It's the lousy 1 percent rise in Citibank's quarterly revenues, which helped prompt the bank's stockholders to reject CEO Vikram Pandit's \$15 million pay package. That they were earning a meager 1-cent-a-share quarterly dividend did not improve their mood.

A cornerstone of capitalism is that by richly rewarding successful managers who build up businesses, we all prosper. That makes sense but for one thing: Corporate America has learned to fix the game so that their honchos walk away with fortunes, whether their companies do well or not.

Defenders of the system insist that executive pay is no business of the government. The company owners — the stockholders — are the ones to set pay levels. A fair argument, except that CEOs have learned to fill their boards with other executives who want to run up pay levels for people like themselves.

To partly address the disconnect between pay and performance, the Dodd-Frank reforms include an item called "say on pay." It gives shareholders the right to vote for or against executive compensation. It was such a

vote that put Pandit's pay under 200 tanning lamps.

"Say on pay" is hardly a revolution in either stockholder rights or curbing extravagant executive pay. The vote is for show, and the board may ignore it. But even this meek exercise in executive scrutiny is too much for some. When the Securities and Exchange Commission addressed the "say on pay" provision, its two Republican members opposed it. They said that it would pile added cost on "small business" (you know, all those mom and pop gift shops listed on the stock exchange).

Although the "say on pay" vote has no teeth, it is not without consequence.

The attention drawn to excessive pay levels is not good for the companies involved. And such votes may push some return to a socio-economic "norm" that had been all but discarded starting in the 1980s.

As MIT economist Frank Levy told me, by the end of World War II, "business had a bad reputation and kept its head down." This stance reflected lingering public anger over the Great Depression and some profiteering during the war.

To get things moving, President Truman held a conference in November 1945. Truman envisioned a "foundation for industrial peace and progress" that enlisted three parties: business, labor and government. It established an expectation that post-war prosperity would be shared with workers and that their unions would be respected.

Listen to Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaking at the 1945 conference:

"Labor unions are woven into our economic pattern of American life, and collective bargaining is a part of the democratic process. I say recognize this fact not only with our lips but with our hearts."

On to the chamber's view on organized labor circa 2012: A major mission, according to the website, is to "restrain abusive union pension fund activism and block labor's anti-competitive agenda."

It happens that these pension funds own huge blocks of stock. For example, CalPERS, the California state pension fund, holds almost 10 million Citigroup shares. CalPERS can be as active as it wants to be.

Revealing was a CalPERS director's comment on pay and performance at Citi. Anne Simpson said: "If you reward them for focusing on high-risk, short-term profits, that's what you get, and that's how the financial crisis caught fire."

While Citigroup can ignore the vote against the pay package, the bank says it won't. This may be overly optimistic, but could a new norm be rising from the rubble of our recent economic crisis?

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Katie Pavlich's 'Fast and Furious'

Of all the myriad scandals of the Obama administration, there is one, largely ignored by the mainstream media, that could actually be its worst.

That scandal is the operation run from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, under the Justice Department, known as "Fast and Furious," through which the federal government actually encouraged and even ordered American gun shops to sell guns — against the store owners' better judgment — to "straw" purchasers who were funneling guns to Mexican drug gangs while the ATF sat back and watched and did nothing.

As Katie Pavlich shows in her remarkable and eye-opening new book, "Fast and Furious: Barack Obama's Bloodiest Scandal and Its Shameless Cover-Up," the whole scheme was either absolutely harebrained or, as some have more ominously theorized, intentionally designed to manufacture "evidence" for tightening gun control legislation.

Pavlich exposes how extreme gun control measures have been a top political goal for President Obama, Attorney General Eric Holder and other important leaders within the administration — and she draws the lines that link this goal directly to the implementation of Fast and Furious. Just as importantly, she shows how the administration has shamelessly tried to obscure those links.

The operation resulted in the murder of U.S. Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry and the murder or wounding of some 200 Mexican citizens.

In the operation, there was no attempt to track the weapons sold, and some agents who tried to follow the purchasers were told to stand down. Not only that, but our government kept Mexican authorities wholly in the dark about the operation. Allowing these guns to "walk" into Mexico without surveillance and

behind the backs of Mexican authorities guaranteed they would end up in the hands of Mexican drug cartels and only be recovered after crimes had been committed, which is exactly what occurred.

As one ATF agent testified to Congress, "you can't allow thousands of guns to go south of the border without an expectation that they are going to be recovered eventually in crimes and people are going to die."

In their reports on Fast and Furious, congressional investigators concluded that the Department of Justice "had much greater knowledge of, and involvement in, Fast and Furious than it has previously acknowledged." Indeed, Attorney General Holder claimed that he had been unaware of Fast and Furious until a few weeks before May 3, 2011, but it was shown that he had received numerous memos about it much earlier, which he later insisted he had not read.

Rep. Darrell Issa has said that the DOJ has spent more time and resources trying to protect the careers of its officials who knew about the operation than in holding accountable those who were involved. In fact, the evidence shows that the only ones who have been punished are those who blew the whistle on the operation, while those who were engaged in wrongdoing have been rewarded — re-assigned or promoted with their pensions still intact.

Meanwhile, the DOJ, according to the committee report, "has blamed everyone except for its political appointees for Fast and Furious." Ken Melson, then the ATF's acting director, said that the DOJ is "circling the wagons to protect its political appointees."

Though Holder told the House Judiciary Committee his office was working "tirelessly to identify, locate and provide relevant information" to Congress, Republican representatives and senators say he and his department have been stonewalling their investigation. Sen. Charles Grassley said that Justice was withholding some 74,000 pages of relevant documents from the investigators.



FROMA HARROP



DAVID LIMBAUGH

The ongoing investigation also reveals a disturbing lack of coordination and cooperation among the ATF, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the FBI, all of which are under the domain of Holder's DOJ. One deputy attorney general, upon being confronted with this issue, just casually replied, "We will look into it."

The committee's report said that everyone involved was blaming others: The ATF pointed the finger at the Justice Department for encouraging the operation, and Justice blamed the U.S. attorney's office in Arizona for implementing it. DOJ officials who could have stopped the operation blamed their staffs for not bringing critical facts to their attention. Making matters worse, U.S. attorney's office personnel have taken the Fifth Amendment in refusing to testify before Congress, or the DOJ has prohibited them from appearing before Congress at all.

Katie's book is a real reporter's book, loaded with interviews with inside sources, including conscience-stricken government agents who are appalled by the politicization of the ATF. She quotes ATF agent John Dodson, who says, "I have never heard an explanation from anyone involved in Operation Fast and Furious that I believe would justify what we did."

This book, which is the best reporting yet on the Obama administration's bloodiest scandal — and its most unconscionable one — will make your blood boil. You should purchase and read it.

David Limbaugh is a writer, author and attorney. His latest book, "Crimes Against Liberty," was No. 1 on the New York Times best-seller list for nonfiction for its first two weeks. Follow him on Twitter @davidlimbaugh and his website at www.davidlimbaugh.com. To read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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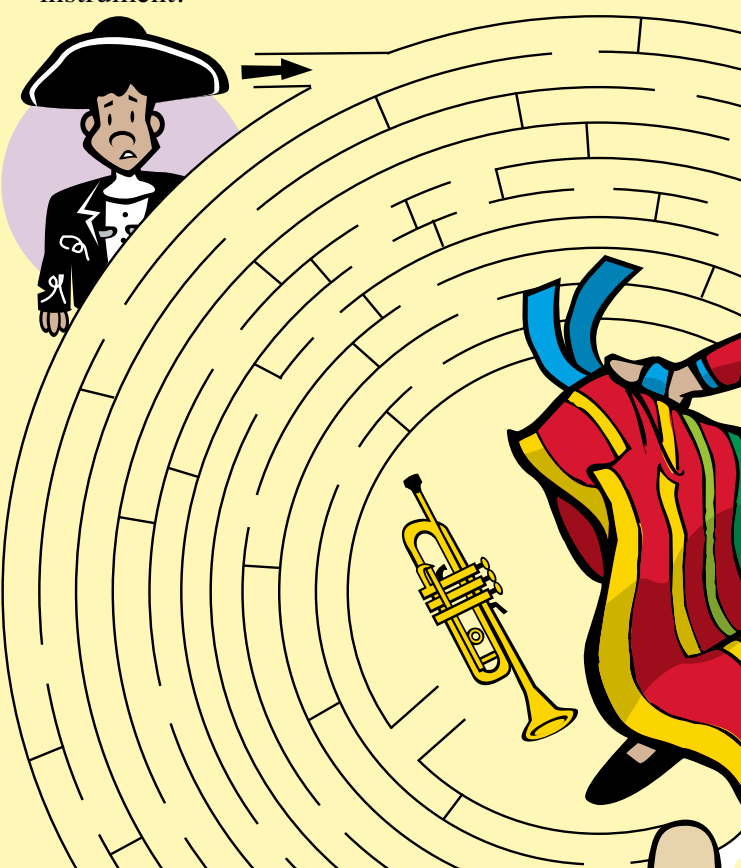
How to Play the Piñata Game

1. Hang a piñata from a tree branch.
2. Form a circle around a piñata.
3. Select someone to stand in the center with eyes blindfolded.
4. The blindfolded player is given a stick and permitted three tries at breaking the piñata.
5. If the piñata is not broken, another player tries.
6. When the piñata breaks, causing a shower of gifts to pour down on the floor, the entire party makes a wild scramble to gather shares of the treasure.

CINCO DE MAYO!
A FUN-FILLED FIESTA!

MUSIC!
MARIACHI MAZE

Mariachi bands sing and play guitars, violins and trumpets. Help this mariachi trumpet player find his instrument.



On the fifth of May, people from Mexico and Mexican-Americans celebrate a holiday called *Cinco de Mayo*. *Cinco de Mayo* is how you say *fifth of May* in Spanish.

On May 5, 1862, in the town of Puebla, Mexico, a tired, poor and small Mexican army defeated the large, well-armed forces from France.

Mexicans did not want to be ruled by the French; they wanted to rule themselves. The French left Mexico after that, and each year Mexicans celebrate with food, games, music and dancing. It's a festival or, as they say in Spanish, a *fiesta*!

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of varied cultures.

Can you find the sombreros that match?

Standards Link: Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

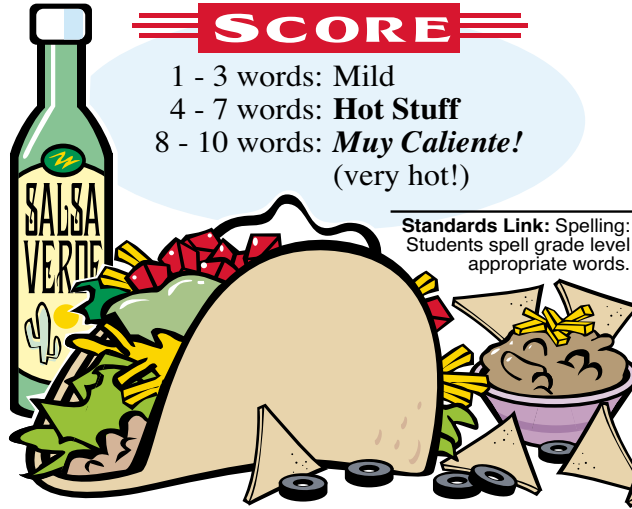
FOOD!

Burritos, guacamole, tacos, enchiladas and more! How many words can you make from the letters that spell ENCHILADA?

SCORE

- 1 - 3 words: Mild
- 4 - 7 words: **Hot Stuff**
- 8 - 10 words: **Muy Caliente!** (very hot!)

Standards Link: Spelling: Students spell grade level appropriate words.



- 1.
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What traditional Mexican drink do people like to sip at a Cinco de Mayo fiesta? Unscramble the letters to find out the answer.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Extra! Extra!

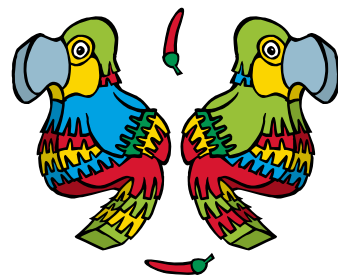
PLAN A FIESTA!

Pretend you have \$100 to spend to have a fiesta. Look through the newspaper for food and things you would want to buy for your fiesta. Figure out what you can get for \$100.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums using money amounts to \$100.



Find the pair of parrot piñatas that are identical.



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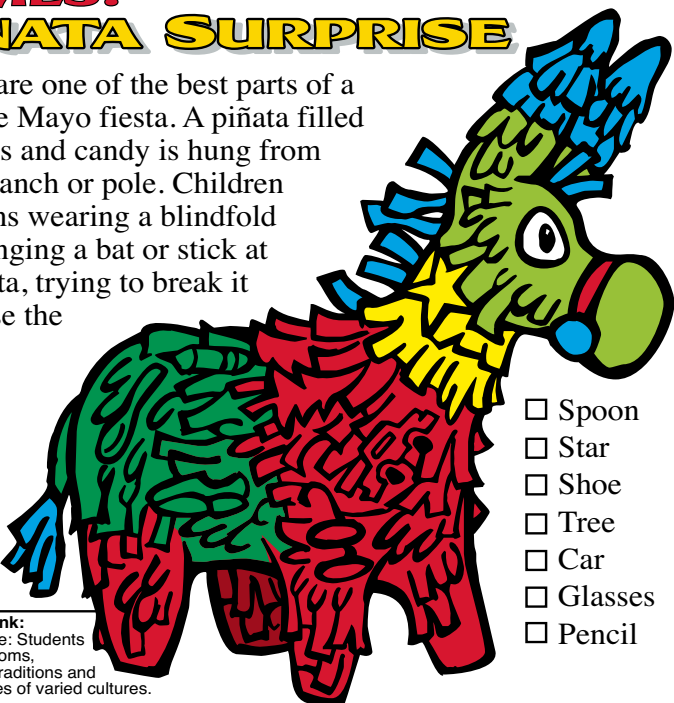
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word TACO in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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GAMES!
PINATA SURPRISE

Piñatas are one of the best parts of a Cinco de Mayo fiesta. A piñata filled with toys and candy is hung from a tree branch or pole. Children take turns wearing a blindfold and swinging a bat or stick at the piñata, trying to break it to release the goodies inside!

Find the hidden pictures in this piñata.



- Spoon
- Star
- Shoe
- Tree
- Car
- Glasses
- Pencil

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of varied cultures.

Double Double Word Search

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

- FIESTA
- MEXICO
- CINCO
- PUEBLA
- TRUMPET
- SPANISH
- TACOS
- ARMY
- MUSIC
- SIP
- BURRITOS
- MAYO
- TOWN
- LOOK
- MUY

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

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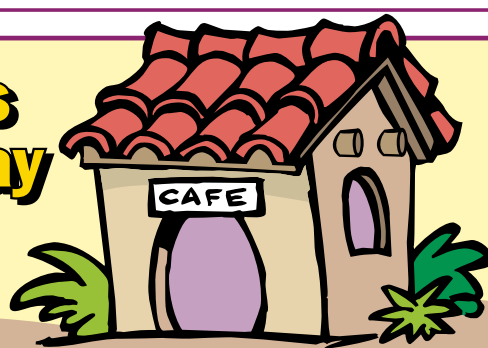
Festive Words

Clip five words from the newspaper that describe the festivities of Cinco de Mayo. Write a sentence using each adjective. Select your favorite sentence and use it as the main idea for a paragraph.

Standards Link: Grammar: Recognize and use adjectives in writing. Writing Applications: Write short narratives with main idea and supporting details.

Why do piñatas never offer to pay for lunch?

ANSWER: Because they're always broke.



Write On!

Fiesta Time

Fiesta is how you say festival in Spanish. Pretend you are in charge of a festival. What will people do? What will they eat?

Bird Poop: Cedar birds are guilty of FWI

During a late April weekend, they swooped into our neighborhood and the state park in search of berries and emerging insects. Announcing their arrival with high-pitched whistles, the masked harbingers of spring had arrived.



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After depleting a cache, flocks then rose with rapid wing beats only to settle in yet another area of town to satisfy their hunger. Descending deep into the foliage of agrita, (a native plant known as red barberry), they consumed the ripest of nature's offering. If delayed by late winter weather, they would take advantage of mulberry fruit and the petals of flowering ornamental trees.

Their presence and behavior in a tree or shrub were artistic moments. Clad in soft brown that ultimately segued into gray on their wings, back, and tail, the cedar waxwings were stately visitors with their crested heads and black masks edged with white.

Bright yellow tips on their tails contrasted

sharply with their softer yellow bellies and sides. Seen through binoculars, the red, oblong tips on some of their wing feathers were a symbol of maturity.

In previous years, the birds had also returned in the fall to take advantage of generous offerings of hawthorn, pyracantha, yaupon, juniper and cedar berries. Whenever or wherever they dined, their impeccable manners were noticeable as they passed a berry to their nearest cohort, who in turn, might also share it with a companion. Thus, through their appearance and actions, waxwings exemplified an avian dignity.

Unfortunately, another behavior resulted in numerous phone calls. Overeating of fermenting fruit resulted in their being found throughout town.

Whether they had flown into a window during their intoxicated state, or merely stood unfazed by human or motored traffic, the crested songbirds were easily plucked from dangerous situations. The numbers brought in for detoxification would grow by the hour.

After placing an errant drunk in safe quarters for the "drying-out period," I noticed our afternoon paper lying in the front



Courtesy photo

Nomadic in their search for food, "cedarbirds" are known to wander erratically during their yearly migrations. Whistling a high-pitched "sreee," the cedar waxwing is often heard before seen. Sleek and trim, the bird travels in flocks and is known for its social behavior.

yard. As I glanced at the headlines, a movement at the end of our porch caught my attention.

Although erect, a cedar waxwing teetered slightly as it cautiously took a step. Every time it tried to walk, it veered to the right. With several more attempts at movement, the masked marvel was almost to the edge.

When Art saw me open the front door with a bird in one hand and the newspaper in the other, he hurried to find a container. "Another one? What happened?" he asked. "It fell off the porch."

Fortunately, his con-

cern that it might be injured was eased when I told him the bird had landed on dried leaves and humus in the flowerbed. Stupefied, with glazed eyes, the masked marvel had gorged too much. Lying on its back, the waxwing was so inebriated it could not right itself on the natural mulch.

Before laying it on a bed of old rags, we took time to appreciate its silky appearance. Every feather seemed to have been applied by an artist's delicate brush strokes. Colors blended with grace.

The tiny red ends accenting a few feath-

ers on each wing were reminiscent of sealing wax used centuries ago to insure the security of a document or mail. From its appetite for native berries and this distinguishing enhancement, the cedar waxwing had derived its name.

With time, this one and others regained their composure and sobriety. An offering of minced grapes and costly blueberries from the grocery store seemed to be appreciated.

As we approached their enclosures, they stiffened and elongated their colorful bodies as if affronted by some

imaginary danger. Upon leaving the room, we noticed they relaxed and explored their containers.

Releasing the waxwings, Art and I watched as they rose skyward to begin their undulating flight. Soon their northward journey would begin. Hopefully, there would be no more incidences of "FWI" — flying while intoxicated.

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

Parent's Corner: A kinda sorta ode to popcorn

I have recently discovered something that I've been hoping for. In an article of scientific study it has been found that popcorn's reputation as a healthy snack has gained stature. Scientists reported it contains more of the healthful antioxidant substances



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called "polyphenols" than fruits and vegetables.

Joe Vinson, Ph.D. at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania, a pioneer in analyzing healthful components in chocolate, nuts, and other common foods, explained the polyphenols are more concentrated in popcorn, which averages only about 4 percent water; polyphenols are diluted in the 90 percent water that makes up many fruits and vegetables. In another surprising

finding, the researchers discovered that the hulls of the popcorn, the part everyone hates for its tendency to get caught in the teeth, actually has the highest concentration of polyphenols and fiber.

Dr. Vinson said, "Those hulls deserve more respect; they are nutritional gold nuggets." Popcorn may be the perfect snack food. It's the only snack that is 100 percent unprocessed wholegrain. All other grains are processed and diluted with

other ingredients, and although cereals are called "whole grain," this simply means more than 51 percent of the weight of the product is whole grain.

One serving of popcorn will provide more than 70 percent of the daily intake of whole grain. The average person only gets about half a serving of whole grains a day, and popcorn could fill that gap in a very pleasant way.

Vinson cautioned, however, the way people prepare and serve popcorn can quickly put a dent in its healthful image. They cook it in a potful of oil, slather on butter or the fake butter used in many movie theaters, pour on the salt; or eat it as "kettle corn" cooked in oil and sugar and popcorn can become a nutritional nightmare

loaded with fat and calories.

"Air-popped popcorn has the lowest number of calories," Vinson said. Microwave popcorn has twice as many calories as air-popped and popping corn in oil on the stove top falls in the middle calorie-wise.

Vinson says popcorn cannot replace fresh fruits and vegetables in a healthy diet. Fruits and vegetables contain vitamins and other nutrients that are critical for good health, but are missing from popcorn. Previous studies found low concentrations of free polyphenols in popcorn, but Vinson's team did the first study to calculate total polyphenols in popcorn. The amounts of these antioxidants were much higher than previously believed. The levels of polyphenols rivaled

those in nuts and were up to 15 times greater than whole-grain tortilla chips.

The new study found the amount of polyphenols found in popcorn was up to 300 mg a serving compared to 114 mg for a serving of sweet corn and 160 mg for all fruits per serving.

In addition, one serving of popcorn would provide 13 percent of an average intake of polyphenols a day per person in the U.S. Fruits provide 255 mg per day of polyphenols and vegetables provide 218 mg per day to the average U.S. diet.

Now you can see why I'm excited; I really love popcorn!

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



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Texas fans say goodbye to Pudge

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Ivan Rodriguez made one last throw from behind home plate to second base at Rangers Ballpark.

The 14-time All-Star catcher announced his retirement Monday, ending a 21-season playing career spent mostly in Texas. The Rangers then honored him with a pregame ceremony that ended with a unique first pitch.

Rodriguez initially went to the mound while Michael Young, the team's longest-tenured player, set up to receive the pitch. But that didn't seem right, so Young ran out to second base and Rodriguez, already wearing a catcher's mitt, went behind the plate to a huge cheer and made a familiar throw across the diamond.

Earlier in the day, his eyes glistened and Rodriguez spoke slowly at first when he said he wouldn't play again. It

came nearly 21 years after the fan favorite known as Pudge made his major league debut as a 19-year-old with the Rangers and later played for five other teams.

"It's a very hard day for me," Rodriguez said. "It's been a great, great run. ... It's been beautiful."

Rodriguez was surrounded at the podium by his wife and his three children, including his 19-year-old son who is a prospect in the Minnesota Twins organization. He thanked his parents and brother who sat in the front row for supporting him since he started playing baseball at age 5 in Puerto Rico.

Rodriguez plans to remain in baseball in some capacity, and Rangers president Nolan Ryan said there have already been some preliminary discussions about making that happen.

"I'm always going to be in

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Former Texas Rangers catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez waves to the crowd during a retirement ceremony in his honor prior to the start of the Texas-New York baseball game in Arlington Monday.

AP photo



Courtesy photo

The Howard County Titans 8 and under select baseball team won its third championship in Midland over the weekend at the Texas Shootout tournament. The squad will be traveling to Lubbock for a tournament April 28 and will head to Ruidoso for the state tournament on May 25.

Yanks top Holland, Texas

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — Derek Jeter is hitting the way he did in his prime and CC Sabathia looks more like his old self with each outing.

No wonder the New York Yankees are starting to get on a roll.

Jeter had four hits to stretch his hitting streak to 13 games, Sabathia pitched a season-high eight innings and Alex Rodriguez belted a three-run homer in a 7-4 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"I keep kidding him that it's like 1999 again — three hits

every day. He's amazing," Rodriguez said of the 37-year-old Jeter.

"He's playing like he's 25," manager Joe Girardi said. "He's off to a great start. He feels good physically and that's the most important thing."

The Yankees have won 10 of 13 since being swept in three games at Tampa Bay to start the season.

Sabathia (2-0) struck out eight for his 11th career win against the two-time defending American League champion Rangers, who won their first five series this season.

The big left-hander was

pitching with an extra day of rest after the Yankees' scheduled series finale at Boston was rained out Sunday night, a day after New York overcame a 9-0 deficit for a 15-9 win over the Red Sox.

After a pair of six-inning outings with no-decisions to start the season, Sabathia won his last two starts.

"That's more CC-like. That's what we're used to seeing," Girardi said. "I liked what I saw those last four innings against the Twins, and he carried it over today."

Mariano Rivera worked a

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Pat Summitt working on memoir

By **HILLEL ITALIE**
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Hall of Fame basketball coach Pat Summitt, who last week announced she was stepping down after 38 years at the University of Tennessee, has a book deal.

The record-setting leader of the Lady Volunteers' basketball team has an agreement with Crown Archetype, an imprint of Random House Inc., for a memoir that is currently untitled. According to Crown, which announced the deal Tuesday, the book will cover her "full life journey," including her

diagnosis last year of early-onset dementia, Alzheimer's type. Publication is expected in spring 2013.

Summitt's final record stands at 1,098-208, 16 regular-season Southeastern Conference championships and 16 SEC tournament titles — the last won a month ago.

During her time, Tennessee never failed to reach the NCAA tournament, never received a seed lower than No. 5 and reached 18 Final Fours.

Those Final Fours tie the UCLA and North Carolina men for the

most all-time by a college basketball program, and she never had a season with a losing record in her career.

"Basketball has always been far more than a game to me: it's a way of being, an ethic, and a value, and so my intention is that this will be more than a sports book," Summitt said in a statement.

"Competition got me off the farm and trained me to seek out challenges and to endure setbacks; and in combination with my faith, it sustains me now in my fight with Alzheimer's disease," she wrote. "I look forward to sharing with readers the

experiences that shaped me as a mother and a teacher and a leader, and how I've tried to shape the young women who wear the Tennessee Orange. This book provides me with yet another opportunity to do what I love to do most, which is to get up and go to work on an exciting challenge every day."

Summitt, 59, will collaborate on the book with Washington Post columnist Sally Jenkins. The two worked together on the motivational "Reach for the Summit" and on "Raise the Roof," about the Lady Vols' 1997-98 championship.

Luck, Griffin nearly teamed up at Stanford

By **TIM REYNOLDS**
AP Sports Writer

Enrolling at Stanford may have been the best decision Andrew Luck ever made.

Not enrolling at Stanford seems to have worked out equally well for Robert Griffin III.

The quarterbacks will be the No. 1 and No. 2 picks in the NFL draft on Thursday night, with Luck going first to the Indianapolis Colts, then Griffin — the Heisman Trophy winner from Baylor — set to be picked by the Washington Redskins. So again, as they have plenty of times in recent months, Luck and Griffin will share the spotlight.

Just think — they almost shared a locker room, too.

And if they had, then maybe none of this would be happening.

"Looking back on it, it worked out really well for both those youngsters," said Jim Harbaugh, the coach who tried to pull it off.

The story starts in 2007, when Griffin got a tantalizing offer from Stanford. In short, if he committed to the Cardinal, then the Cardinal would commit to trying a two-quarterback system with him and Luck. Harbaugh — now the coach of the San Francisco 49ers — was Stanford's coach at the time, and after spending about an hour in his office chatting with Griffin came away with a strong inkling that he would win that recruiting battle.

A month later, the phone rang. It was Griffin. He apologized and said he was planning to enroll at Houston, where coach Art Briles was recruiting him. (When Briles went to Baylor, Griffin followed.)

"Thought we were really doing well with Robert," Harbaugh said. "Loved looking at his transcript. He was a 4.0 student in high

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NY Rangers force seventh game with 3-2 win

OTTAWA (AP) — Game 7 at the Garden.

It's not necessarily what the top-seeded Rangers were hoping for when their first-round Eastern Conference series against Ottawa started, but they're thrilled about it now.

Brad Richards scored the go-ahead goal and Derek Stepan had a goal and two assists as New York staged off elimination with a 3-2 victory against the Senators on Monday night.

"We showed some desperation tonight," Rangers defenseman Marc Staal said.

The series heads back to New York for Game 7 on Thursday night. It's the first Game 7 in any

sport at Madison Square Garden in 17 years.

Not even the return of Daniel Alfredsson, who missed three games with a concussion, in front of the fired-up home crowd at Scotiabank Place could help the eighth-seeded Senators complete the upset.

"I didn't really think that we played particularly well or worked particularly hard," Ottawa coach Paul MacLean said.

Carl Hagelin returned to the Rangers lineup after sitting out a three-game suspension.

The Rangers broke through in the second with three goals after going six straight periods without scoring.

Chris Neil gave Ottawa a 1-0 lead in the first with a power-play goal and Jason Spezza cut it to 3-2 with 39 seconds left to play in the third. That goal was reviewed after some question about whether Spezza kicked it in.

"It's unbelievable," said Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist, who finished with 25 saves. "It still upsets me because we had this game, then they get a chance. Someone wants them back in the game, obviously, because there's no other explanation."

In the first, Neil was planted at the edge of Lundqvist's crease along with teammate Zack Smith when Ottawa's power play put it ahead 1-0 at 7:05.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). An adventure is coming together. These are the earliest planning stages, and you'll do all you can to clarify your options. If

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

possible, see things in person. Conduct face-to-face interviews instead of calling.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Knowledge can be like a light that turns on in your mind, or it can be a structure that complicates matters by casting confusing shadows. In the latter case, keep studying until you have your breakthrough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even if the old methods are working, you can't help but wonder whether another way would work even better. You're bold, and you'll probably be the first among your friends and colleagues to try something new.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Suddenly, something doesn't feel quite right about your actions and activities. You have to ask

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yourself: Are you fulfilling someone else's dreams for yourself instead of being dedicated to your own?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You love a good story, and you'll hear one today. Soak in every detail. There's more to learn than you'll be able to understand on the first listen. The tale will continue to develop for the next few days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). According to you, any amount of time you spend looking for things is a waste. You expect yourself to be organized enough to know where your personal items are at all times, and that's pretty much how it goes today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Someone will make a sacrifice on your behalf. Even though you don't want to put anyone out, this gesture helps you understand your importance to others, and that feels good to know.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You often take on so much that you feel overwhelmed by your life. Arrange things so that you can win. However small a victory may be, it proves something: You're a winner. If you can win small, you can win big.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like finding new talented people, and in the weeks to come, you will become a fan of someone who fits the description. Your interest will open doors for you eventually, but right now, it's just fun

to see where this leads. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be dealing with two categories: things that cost you money, and things that make you money. You'll rid yourself of material things that aren't worth the price you pay to keep them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've already proved that you could turn your vaguest longings into a concrete plan. You're at that place again, experiencing a fuzzy, unfocused kind of wanting. Can you articulate this desire yet?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A good coach won't let the team stay at a subpar level. You'll be the kind of coach who isolates your team's problems, however unpleasant, and figures out how to solve them.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24). You're idealistic when it comes to relationships, and yet people rise to your high standards, and you'll be thrilled with what happens next. Professionally, you'll branch out to include the untired. May and September show an income spike. You'll adventure in June. October brings a new interest and group of friends. Love signs are Leo and Aquarius. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 29, 50, 24 and 17.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Inevitable Conclusion

East dealer.
East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ 7 2
♥ 5
♦ J 9 7 4 2
♣ A Q J 6 4

WEST
♠ Q 8 6 5
♥ Q 9 8 6 2
♦ —
♣ K 10 9 7

EAST
♠ A 10 9 4
♥ A K J 10 3
♦ 6 5
♣ 8 3

SOUTH
♠ K J 3
♥ 7 4
♦ A K Q 10 8 3
♣ 5 2

The bidding:
East 1♥ South 2♦ West 4♥ North 5♦
Opening lead — six of hearts.

deciding which card to play at this point.
To solve problems of this type, you start by recognizing that it makes no difference which card you play if West has the A-Q (or even if East has the A-Q). The only two cases that matter are those where West has the ace and East the queen, or West the queen and East the ace. In these cases, your decision is crucial.
Making the right choice is not a matter of luck, however. The correct play is the king. Why? Because you can't make the contract unless the club finesse succeeds, and once you assume that West has the king of clubs, it follows that East is highly likely to have the ace of spades for his opening bid.
The principle that applies here occurs in many deals. As a declarer, you must sometimes make an assumption that a particular defender has a specific card, because to assume otherwise would mean giving up on making the contract. Your assumption that West has the king of clubs might turn out to be wrong, but if proceeding on that assumption offers the only realistic chance for the contract, you are playing bridge the way it should be played.

Assume you get to five diamonds on the bidding shown and West leads a heart. East wins with the king and returns the four of spades. Should you play the jack or the king from your hand?
Of course, with all four hands in view, it is easy to see that the king is the winning play. But in real life, where you see only the North-South cards, you have quite a problem

Tomorrow: Thrust and counterthrust.
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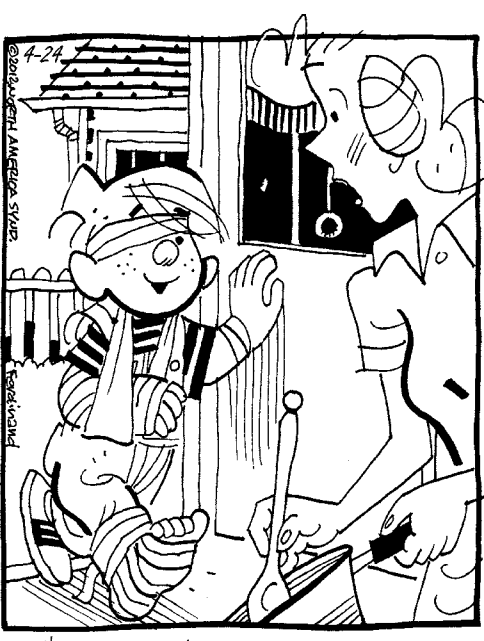
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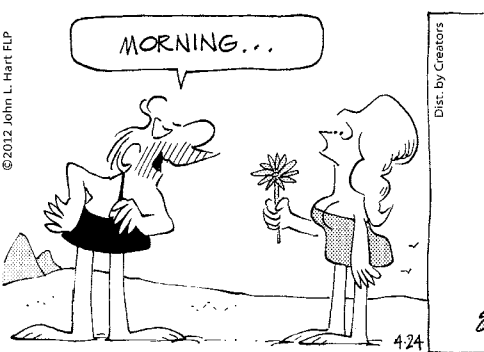
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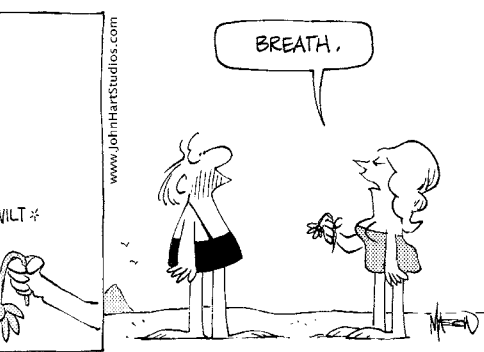
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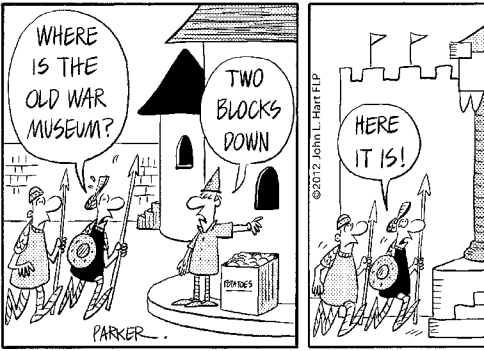
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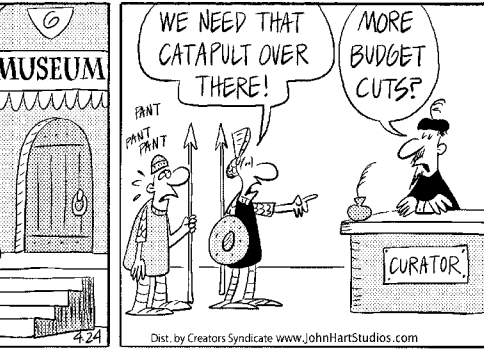
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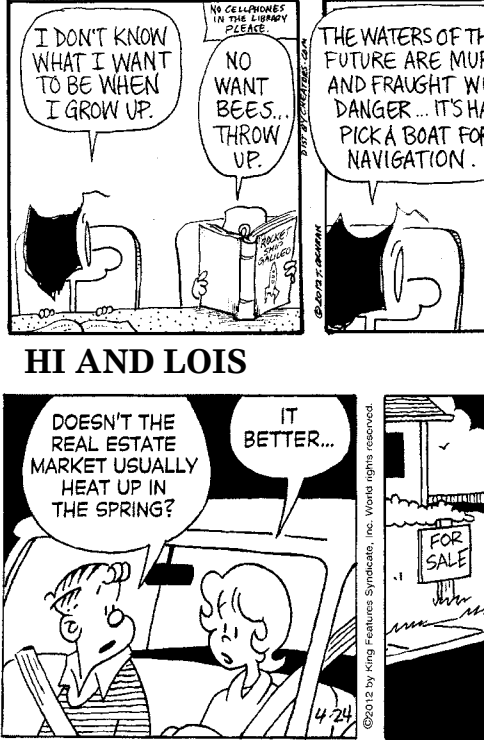
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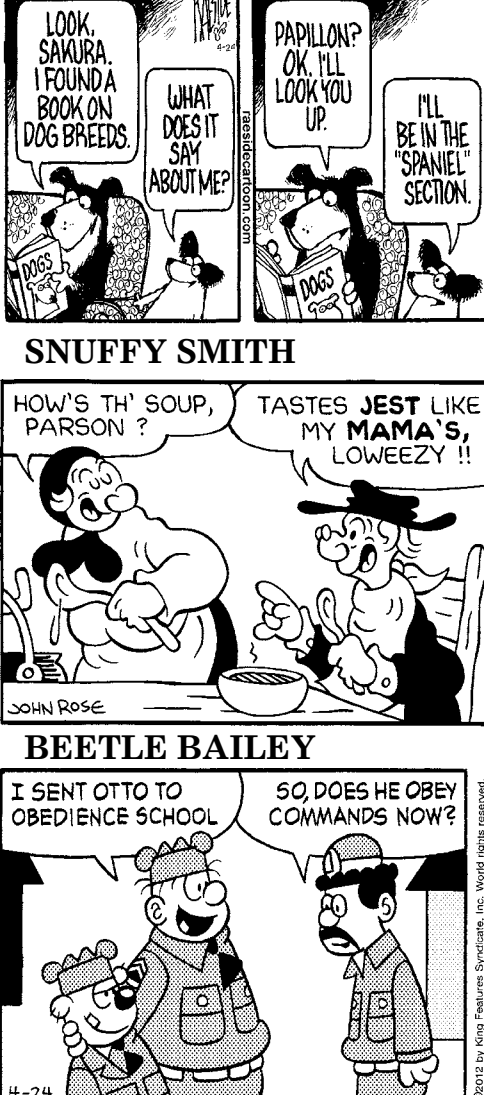
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This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 24, the 115th day of 2012. There are 251 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, using NASA's Echo 1 balloon satellite to bounce a video image of the letters "M.I.T." transmitted from Camp Parks, Calif., to Westford, Mass.

On this date:

In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise" (lah mah-rsay-YEHZ'), was composed by Captain Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States. (The United States responded in kind the next day.)

In 1915, what's regarded as the start of the Armenian genocide began as the Ottoman Empire rounded up Armenian political and cultural leaders in Constantinople.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces almost a week later.)

In 1932, in the Free State of Prussia, the Nazi Party gained a plurality of seats in parliamentary elections.

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1960, rioting erupted in Biloxi, Miss., after black protesters staging a "wade-in" at a whites-only beach were attacked by a crowd of hostile whites.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an unsuccessful attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

In 1986, Wallis, Duchess of Windsor, for whom King Edward VIII had given up the British throne, died in Paris at age 89.

In 1997, comedian Pat Paulsen died in Tijuana, Mexico, at age 69.

Today's Birthdays: Film and dramatic critic Stanley Kauffmann is 96. Movie director-producer Richard Donner is 82. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 78. Author Sue Grafton is 72. Actor-singer Michael Parks is 72. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 70. Former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 70. Country singer Richard Starbuck (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 69. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 67. Rock singer-musician Rob Hyman is 62. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 59.

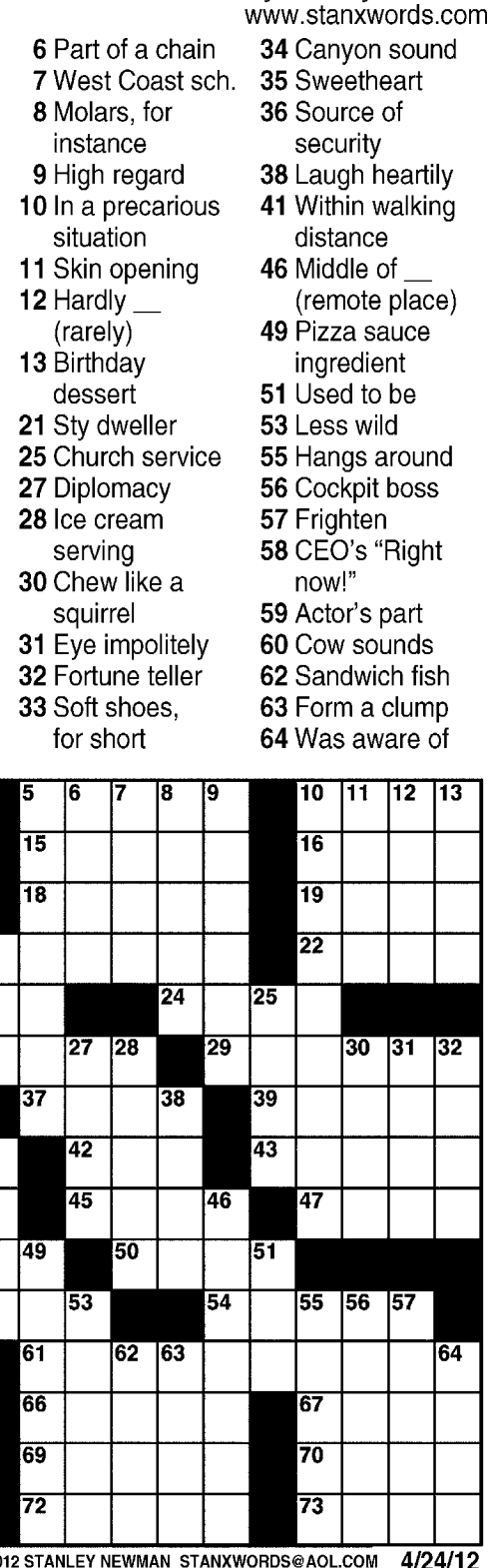
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- ACROSS
- 1 File-folder features
 - 5 Piccolo's cousin
 - 10 Oil cartel
 - 14 Oodles
 - 15 Starchy side dishes
 - 16 ___ Scotia, Canada
 - 17 Traditional folk tales
 - 18 Small bay
 - 19 Difficult journey
 - 20 Penny pincher
 - 22 Roll-call response
 - 23 Improvise one's words
 - 24 Prefix for sphere
 - 26 Obtains
 - 29 Juicy tropical fruits
 - 33 Prescription drugs, for short
 - 37 Apiece
 - 39 Barely burn
 - 40 Pacific, for example
 - 42 Dove's sound
 - 43 Weighing device
 - 44 Irritate by rubbing
 - 45 Small city
 - 47 Wide-spouted pitcher
 - 48 Angry with
 - 50 Farm implement
 - 52 Pony's gait
 - 54 Stinging insects
 - 58 Military force
 - 61 Firewood igniter
- DOWN
- 1 Bath-powder ingredient
 - 2 Hawaiian greeting
 - 3 In a rut
 - 4 Incredible bargain
 - 5 Flying toy disk
 - 6 Part of a chain
 - 7 West Coast sch.
 - 8 Molars, for instance
 - 9 High regard
 - 10 In a precarious situation
 - 11 Skin opening
 - 12 Hardly ___ (rarely)
 - 13 Birthday dessert
 - 21 Sty dweller
 - 25 Church service
 - 27 Diplomacy
 - 28 Ice cream serving
 - 30 Chew like a squirrel
 - 31 Eye impolitely
 - 32 Fortune teller
 - 33 Soft shoes, for short
 - 34 Canyon sound
 - 35 Sweetheart
 - 36 Source of security
 - 38 Laugh heartily
 - 41 Within walking distance
 - 46 Middle of ___ (remote place)
 - 49 Pizza sauce ingredient
 - 51 Used to be
 - 53 Less wild
 - 55 Hangs around
 - 56 Cockpit boss
 - 57 Frighten
 - 58 CEO's "Right now!"
 - 59 Actor's part
 - 60 Cow sounds
 - 62 Sandwich fish
 - 63 Form a clump
 - 64 Was aware of



LUCK

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school. His test scores were extremely high. I mean, this to me was a Stanford guy. This was a Stanford kid. And then ... he was going to go to Houston. That left a bruise. I really liked Robert. I really wanted Robert on our team. And I've been a big fan of his ever since."

Griffin had offers from plenty of schools, from Harvard to Texas and countless spots in between. Stanford, he said, was tempting.

"I thought about it, but when you look at it, two-quarterback systems hardly ever work," Griffin said a few weeks ago. "So I had to make the right call for myself at that time."

A good call for both players, as it turned out.

Luck went 31-7 at Stanford, winning more games in those three years than the Cardinal won in the previous seven combined. Griffin threw for 59 touchdowns in his final two seasons at Bay-

lor, completing 72 percent of his passes as a senior and winning the Heisman. And although no one can say for certain how the Luck-Griffin pairing with the Cardinal might have worked, no one can dispute the quarterbacks did just fine on their own as well.

"They were two of the best kids I ever recruited," Harbaugh said. "We got one, one we didn't. Certainly Andrew came in and did everything that we expected and more and led his team, led Stanford to heights that the school has never seen before. I mean, compare the won-loss record of Stanford before Andrew Luck got there and while he was there. It's a pretty big contrast. Same with RG3. Look at him at Baylor. He did the same thing there."

It will be the first time since 1999 that quarterbacks will be both the No. 1 and No. 2 picks in the draft, so it's clear that a pairing like Luck and Griffin doesn't come around every day.

If both went to Stanford, it almost certainly would have

played out much differently, of course.

"There's only one ball out there at a time," Harbaugh said.

Luck is considered the prototypical quarterback type — 6-foot-4, 235 pounds, son of former NFL quarterback Oliver Luck. Griffin was a state champion sprinter in high school, and opponents may fear his legs as much as his arm at the pro level, just as teams did in the college ranks.

Their styles seem wildly different.

That's not even close, Harbaugh insists.

"Really, the perception isn't that relevant," Harbaugh said. "But they're both great athletes. I wouldn't even compare them. They're both great. They're both extremely smart."

For at least another year, Harbaugh can keep rooting for both from afar. Barring a postseason matchup, his 49ers won't be seeing the Colts or the Redskins in the 2012 season.

And come draft night, he will be watching.

TEXAS

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perfect ninth for his fourth save.

Josh Hamilton homered for the Rangers.

Derek Holland (2-1), the 25-year-old left-hander who signed a \$28.5 million, five-year contract extension this spring, has never beaten the Yankees. He gave up seven runs and nine hits with four walks and one strikeout in six innings.

Holland is 0-5 with a 9.26 ERA in seven career appearances (six starts) against New York.

"He's been very consistent. That's a pretty good lineup," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "They do their business in that batter's box. They pick their spots and make you pay. And they made us pay tonight."

Rodriguez hit a three-run homer, his third this season and No. 632 in his career, in the fifth for a 6-1 lead. The Rangers hadn't given up more than five runs in a game before that, and Jeter added an RBI double in the sixth.

"That's a big three-run homer because it kind of breaks the game open a little bit," Girardi said. "And we got a big two-out hit from Curtis (Granderson) in the first."

New York went ahead to stay when Granderson blooped a two-run single into short right-center in the first. Jeter led off the game with an infield single and Robinson Cano also had a single.

It was the 42nd career four-hit game for Jeter, who is batting .450 (27 for 60) during his hitting streak.



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PUDGE

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baseball the rest of my life," Rodriguez said. "I'll be in baseball, and I'll be active and I'll be doing things, you'll definitely see me around."

Rodriguez caught a major league record 2,427 games, surpassing Carlton Fisk's record of 2,226 during a game for the Houston Astros three years ago at Rangers Ballpark.

It was later that season that Pudge returned briefly to the Rangers, the team he played for the first 12 of his 21 seasons.

"It was interesting to have witnessed Pudge's career and be involved

in it at the start and see the player that he grew to be and the impact that he had on our organization," said Ryan, the Hall of Fame pitcher who was still playing when Rodriguez made his major league debut on June 20, 1991.

The pregame ceremony before the series opener against the New York Yankees included a video of highlights from the 13 seasons Rodriguez spent in Texas. They included his first major league hit, his first home run, catching Kenny Rogers' perfect game in 1994 and some of his All-Star plays, among them the 1995 game in the stadium where he was now saying goodbye.

Rodriguez hit .296

with 311 home runs and 1,332 RBIs in 2,543 games overall with Texas (1991-2002, 2009), Florida (2003), Detroit (2004-08), the Yankees (2008), Houston (2009), and Washington (2010-11). His 13 Gold Gloves were the most for a catcher.

Rodriguez, who didn't take questions during the news conference, was part of the Rangers' first three AL West titles in a four-year span in the late 1990s.

He later appeared in two World Series, with the champion Florida Marlins in 2003 when he was MVP of the NL championship series, and Detroit in 2006.

Texas won its first three AL West titles in a four-year span in the late 1990s, but didn't win a playoff series then. Rodriguez hit .332 with 35 home runs and 113 RBIs in 1999, when he was the American League MVP.

The two-time defending AL champion Rangers have no immediate plans to retire his No. 7 jersey, but have discussed the possibility. The team did present

him with a framed jersey and a crystal piece recognizing his career.

Rodriguez was only 16 years old when the Rangers signed him after a tryout camp in Puerto Rico in July 1988. Less than three years later, he was in the major leagues.

Tom Grieve, now a Rangers television broadcaster but then the team's general manager, said scouts at that camp put a radar gun that showed the short, stocky catcher throwing about 93 mph from behind the plate.

Rodriguez was quickly among the team's top prospects.

He was the youngest player in the Texas League when the Rangers brought him up after getting constant reports that he made contact and was ready to catch in the big leagues.


"We decided to see for ourselves," Grieve said. "After five or six games, it became obvious to us that, if anything, the scouting report underestimated how good he really was."

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